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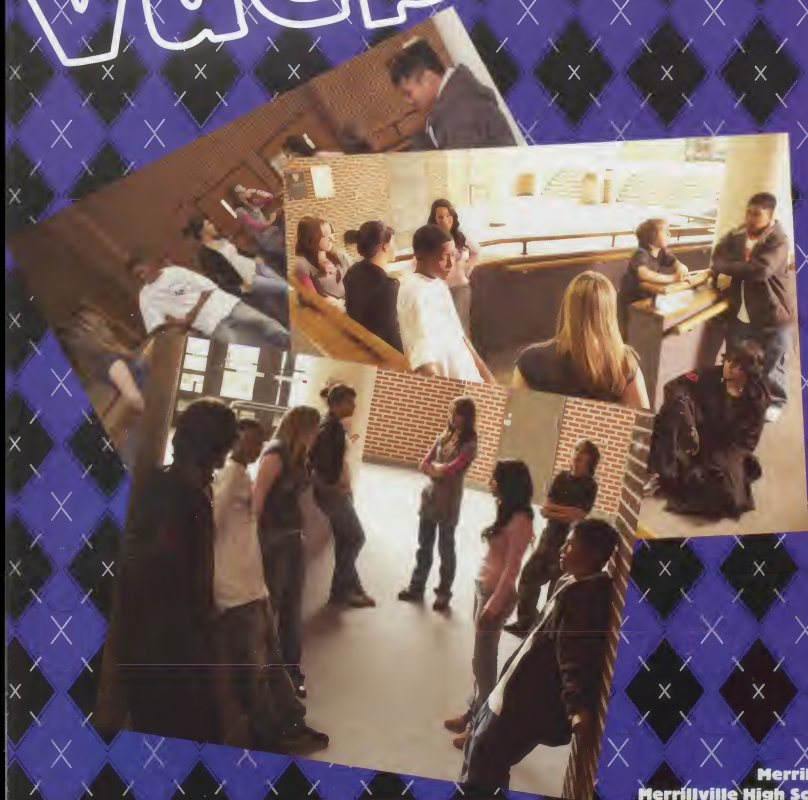
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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local researchers and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of sharing research findings with the community. It argues that research should not be conducted in a vacuum, but should be a collaborative process that involves the community from the beginning to the end. This approach not only ensures that the research is relevant and useful, but also helps to build trust and capacity within the community.

Vuepoint



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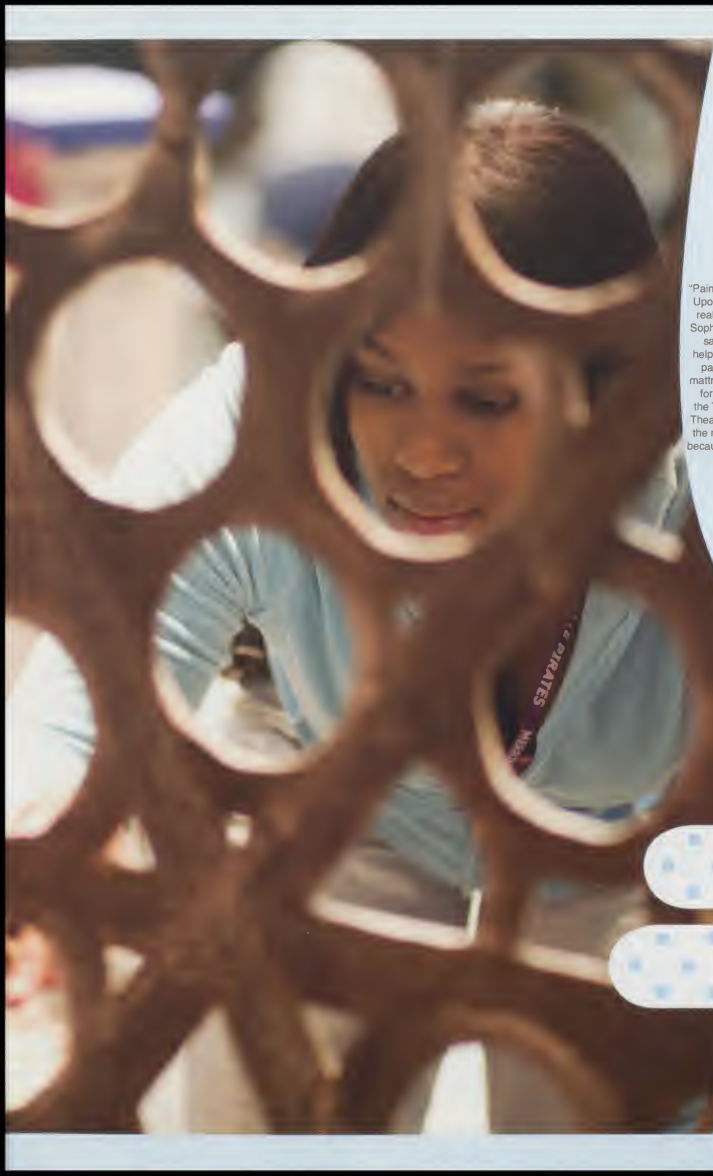
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Ever since you were little, your teachers, parents or other adults always claimed that each person was special and unique. But, as soon as you hit high school, things changed. All of a sudden, people are trying to make you believe one thing or act a certain way. Conformity seems like the only thing the majority of high schoolers want to do. But even if there is a group of "punks" or "geeks," each person still has their own point of view. No one thinks, believes or feels the exact same. This yearbook represents each individual. A yearbook is designed to record the memories of high school, and the memories at Merrillville are filled with different ways to look at the same situation, different viewpoints. As you stroll through the halls of Merrillville, be attentive to those who think, act or feel differently than you.

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view



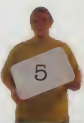


"Painting the set of 'Once Upon a Mattress' was a really fun experience," Sophomore Tiara Jordan said, "I can't wait to help out again." Jordan painted the Queen's mattress and other props for the fall musical in the Theater Tech class. Theater Tech was one of the new classes offered because of the movement to trimesters.



"Football games are my favorite type of high school game to attend," Senior Rachel Johnson said. "I love to dress up in purple and white and cheer on our team." The fans came out every home game to support the football team. The game against Crown Point had the highest attendance of any game this season.

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Louis Vuitton shoes



Senior Aaron Pierson



Senior Christopher S. Smith



The 'blue' was different in 1983

Two and a half decades ago, in 1983, the high school was going through many changes. IDs were just becoming required as were parking permits. Students who were age 18 were able to smoke in smoking sections. After lunch, students played intramural sports in the gym.

In 2007, the school is still going through changes, but a bit different from those in 1983. IDs must be visibly worn around the neck. All students must use an ID to buy lunch, to check out library books and to attend extra-curricular events. Student drivers must park in their numbered spots and sport their plastic ID badge on their rear view mirror. Drug testing takes place for all student drivers and those involved in extra-curricular activities. Though it has been two and a half decades, some students from 1983 have the same opinion as students in 2007 on the ID policy.

"I think they are stupid. I feel like I'm in a prison," Bill Kostantios, a senior in 1983, said in a 1983 yearbook story.

"I feel like I am in a prison. IDs need to be used for everything!" Caitlin Malloy, senior, said this year.

Another major change from 1983 to 2007 is the addition of freshman to the high school building.

"Having sophomores through seniors made the class size smaller and the students were better behaved," Ms. Maryanne Bertram, a Spanish teacher, who was also teaching in 1983, said.

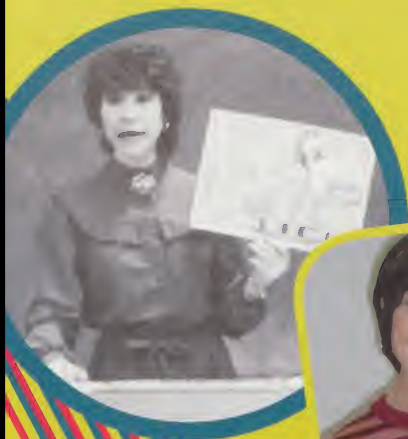
Having a different view of the situation, Mrs. Diane Mandon, who presently teaches economics and AP History and also taught in 1983, stated, "The sophomores acted like the freshmen do now. They took on the same maturity level as our freshmen do now."

Danielle Pajon and Caitlin Malloy, both seniors, felt that the sophomores through seniors would work a lot better with space and the maturity level of the school. This year, plans were made to add a freshman wing by the year 2010. The wing would include classrooms, bathrooms and also its own cafeteria.

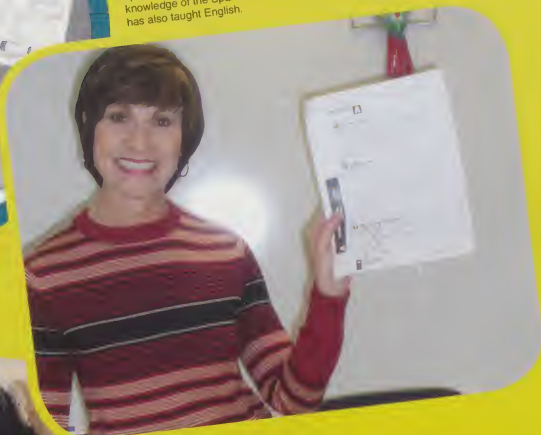
"Overall I like MHS and am happy with the changes. I really like the diversity that is here and the teachers are also pretty cool," Malloy said.



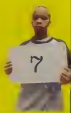
While the young men in the smoking area enjoy a cigarette, then- Assistant Athletic Director Ms. Janice Qualizza checks a student's smoking permit. Parents had to sign a permission slip that allowed their child to smoke in a designated area near the dumpsters. "That was not my favorite duty," Ms. Qualizza, now the Athletic Director, said. "I am opposed to smoking so why would I want to watch people smoke." The rules have changed. Students "found in possession of matches or lighters" could receive a detention, according to the 2006-2007 Student Handbook.



With a smile on her face, Mrs. Bonnie Sanders, a Spanish I teacher, holds up a grammar worksheet used in her classroom to test her student's knowledge of the Spanish language. She has taught for 37 years, and she has also taught English.



The old mascot, Bucky, portrayed by Ron Gray, skates down the street in his purple, white and gold costume of a pirate's parrot while displaying a thumbs up. This mascot was eventually replaced by a student dressed up like a pirate. Senior Christopher Smith appears as the pirate at football and basketball games.



Caught in



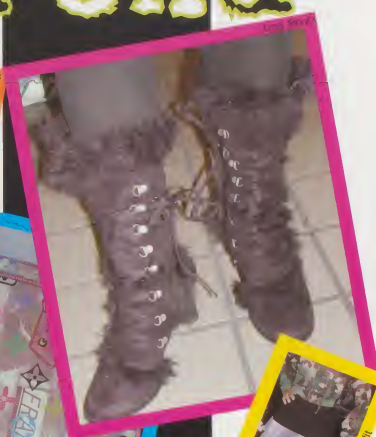
TOP MODEL...Shannon Williams
ATHLETIC...Tiffany Owen
PREP OR DIE...James Hedrick
SELF-EXPLANATORY...Alayna Panning
WHOA...Nome Damjanoski

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the trend



Timberland Boots



Long Boots



RIP T-shirt



Louis Vuitton



Ballerina Flats



Army Fatigue Outfit



Shaggy



Belt over shirt



Huge Hair



Bebe Purse

Ripped Jeans

ABERCROMBIE



Juniors Emmalee Troupes and Kimberly Nason
 "We've known each other since first grade, but have only been best friends since freshman year," Troupes said. "We hang out almost everyday." "I need to be able to trust my best friend," Nason said. "I know that I can tell Emma anything, and she won't judge me or tell anyone."



Sophomores Kendall Bonick and Samantha Serwacki
 "We met in seventh grade. We were best friends, then stopped, and now we're best friends again," Bonick said. "We hang out all the time. We usually go to the mall or watch movies with our families. We'll be friends for awhile. We plan on going to college together."

Best friends

Two peas in a pod

Seniors Craig Marshall, Jake Smith, Brett Beatty and Colton Church
 "We met in sixth grade, and have been friends ever since," Beatty said. "We always cruise in my car and just chill." "A best friend should be honest and trustworthy," Marshall said. "We'll be friends for a while."



There's romance in the air

'Next thing we knew, we were together.'



Juniors Son Nguyen and Nadia Madrid
"We met freshman year during lunch," Madrid said. "We have a lot of the same friends." "We always go to the movies or chill at her house," Nguyen said. "It kind of just happened. Next thing we knew, we were together," Madrid said.



Freshmen Jericca Jasso and Javier Ortiz
"We met in fifth grade during the game to meet people in your class on the first day," Jasso said. "We've been together for almost a year now," Ortiz said. "Everything attracted me to her. Her personality, just everything."



Sophomores Aaron Kazmarski and Lauren Evans
"We met in sixth grade through Danielle Demeuse," Kazmarski said. "We've been together for over two years, and hopefully it'll be a lot longer. Her personality definitely attracted me to her."





myspace



'A place for friends'

High School

111 years old

Merrillville,
Indiana

About Me

Bright colors, goofy pictures and an easy way to stay connected--MySpace has created a frenzy that is sweeping across the globe. In its appeal to young people, MySpace is a website that was created three years ago by a man known as "Tom." The website allows users to make a personal profile, post pictures, blogs and bulletins free of charge.

"MySpace is a place for friends," Senior Lawrence McCoy said.

After creating a MySpace, users can request friends and then wait for approval. MySpace enables users to stay close with old friends and also find a few new ones.

"I'm a new student, and I met all my new friends here from MySpace," Senior Ryan Harris said.

Whether having had a MySpace for a year or a few weeks, it is a way to stay connected to close buddies. According to a special study in the US News & World Report in the fall of 2006, MySpace had more than 100 million profiles, with 230,000 new members signing up every day.

Junior Danielle Panglilan has had her MySpace for almost two years. "I check my MySpace about four times a day," Panglilan said.

For many people, MySpace is a way to stay in contact with others. Panglilan said, "I like MySpace because I can communicate with my cousins from a different country."

MySpace is one way to maintain close companionships with buddies near and far. Are you connected?

Top 5

Kara Vislosky



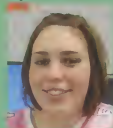
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Merrillville High School's Details

Status: 2377 Students

Here For: Education

Hometown: Merrillville, Indiana

Ethnicity: Socially Diverse

Education: High School

Occupation: Preparing Students for the Future

Junior Eric Rogers

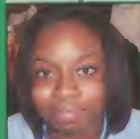
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"MySpace is becoming."

Senior Ryan Harris

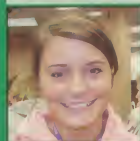
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"I'm a busy student and I meet all my
new friends here from MySpace."

Junior Emmalee Troupes

May 3, 2007 8:30 A.M.



"MySpace is a good way to find old
friends."

Junior Kim Nason

April 14, 2007 9:08 P.M.



"MySpace is adding."

Sophomore Danielle Pangilinan

March 17, 2007 1:14 P.M.



"I like MySpace because I can
communicate with my cousins from
a different country."

Freshman Courtney Cieslak

February 14, 2007 12:30 A.M.



"I've had my MySpace for about two years,
and it gives me something to do with my
free time."

2007 Super Fans

With their painted faces and high spirits, Freshmen Peter Pashkash and Junior Brandon Walker cheer on the Pirates against Crown Point. "Having heart and showing team spirit is what makes a good fan," Pashkash said. Pashkash attended games every Friday night with his pals Lauren Evans, Trevor Bianchi and Valenti Atsas.



In the middle of an X-Factor crowd, Seniors Drew Dawson, Stanley Jennings, Chelsie Kelly, Cordero Arca, Desiree Walker and Junior Takesha Dockery show their enthusiasm for their team. The boys' Basketball Team won the game against Andean.



Pirate clothes, front row seats and cheery spirits are how Juniors Taylor Renehan and Ashley Munchenburg show their spirit. "Showing up and just cheering is helpful to the Pirates," Renehan said. The September 1 game against Crown Point ended with Crown Point winning 17-2.

A football game against Crown Point has Seniors Cassandra Adler, Jackie Miller, Gena Davis, Rachel Johnson and Amy Vargas pumped. "Just screaming and acting crazy with my friends gets me all excited," Miller said. Miller and friends spell out "SENIORS" to show school spirit. Miller said she attended almost every game.





"I show my spirit by getting in a big crowd and just getting crunk," Junior Steven Lohse said. Lohse said he got his enthusiasm from former high school students Phillip Keene and Daniel Burkus. Seniors Benjamin Spires, Daniel Dwyer and Ryan Relphorde waved the X-Factor signs.

Looking at the scoreboard, Senior Robert Mays is excited to see the Pirates winning against Valparaiso. Mays sat with his senior friends Chelsie Kelly and Kenneth Smith and Junior Britney Curry. The Pirates lost 39-46 to Valparaiso.

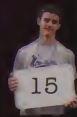
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Thirty minutes was all the time that Senior Dennis Barsich needed to paint his face and get ready for the game with his friends, Senior Kyle Yamel and Junior Aleksandar Trajkovski. "I go to the games to show my spirit and to have people notice me," Barsich said.

"I like going to the boys' basketball games because I feel as though I should show them support as they show us," Junior Roosevelt Williams said. Williams sat with his friend Senior Kenneth Smith while cheering for the Pirates to win.

Having reserved seats for the X-factor crowd, Junior Steven Lohse and Seniors Benjamin Spires, Daniel Dwyer, Ryan Relphorde and Drew Dawson took the opportunity to be the ones in the front row. "I support my team by showing up, cheering, and wearing my X-factor shirt," Dwyer said.



Coming to



Raphael
Philipp



"America is awesome," Raphael Philipp, a 15-year-old from Germany said. Changes are hard for people to adjust to, but then they come to see it can benefit them in many ways. Learning about new lifestyles and other cultures is always a great way to gain new friendship. "At first I didn't want to do this program, but I realized that I would have regretted it in many ways," Philipp said. Philipp has an older brother that is in America and that made him change his mind about coming here. "Sometimes I forget to call my family, so they're always calling me saying, 'Hey, we haven't heard from you in a while. How are things?'"



Mark
Bruckner



Benedetta
Orlandi



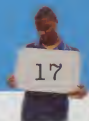
Adjusting to many new things can be hard to work around and very different from the regular schedule that you're used to having. By changing countries you begin to miss things that you have left behind. "One thing that I miss is riding my bike all around Germany, and here there are basically just cars to get around town," Rebekka Van Wickern, 16-year-old from Germany said. Being so far from home causes Van Wickern to miss her family, but being so busy with her school schedule, it becomes difficult to stay in close contact. "I only call my family about every three to four weeks, only because I have been really busy with school," Van Wickern said.

Rebeka
Van Wickern

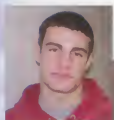


"I did this program so it can help my English, but most importantly to be more independent," 16-year-old Benedatta Orlandi from Italy said. Being independent at a young age gives the teen a chance to gain responsibly and respect for themselves. Orlandi is the only foreign exchange student from Italy here at Merrillville High School. "I think its cool being the only foreign student from Italy; it gives other students a chance to learn about Italy," Orlandi said. It takes a lot of courage to move to a new country and not know anyone; but once settled, life becomes easier.

... America



Joshua Raspopovich Financial Adviser



- Q Do you plan on attending college after graduation?
A Yes
- Q Where?
A Indiana University
- Q What do you plan on majoring in?
A Financial Advising
- Q What made you choose this college?
A IU is an in-state University and has a good business program
- Q Has anyone influenced or inspired you? How?
A My dad's friend is a financial advisor and he makes a lot of money.

Lawyer

- Q Do you plan on attending college after graduation?
A Yes
- Q Where?
A Indiana University
- Q What do you plan on majoring in?
A Pre-Law and Psychology
- Q What made you choose this college?
A IU has a nice campus. It is a big school and self contained. You can actually "live" there unlike some schools where you must travel to do anything.
- Q Has anyone influenced or inspired you? How?
A No, I just wanted a high end job that pays well, and where I could work with people.



Jacob George

Automotive Technician

- Q Do you plan on attending college after graduation?
A Yes
- Q Where?
A Northwestern Ohio
- Q What do you plan on majoring in?
A Automotives and High Performance
- Q What made you choose this college?
A I have just been interested in cars my whole life
- Q Has anyone influenced or inspired you? How?
A I was around it when I was younger and my brother



Nick Zelisko

When I grow up

Graphic Arts

- Q Do you plan on attending college after graduation?
A Yes
- Q Where?
A Michigan
- Q What do you plan on majoring in?
A Graphic Arts
- Q What made you choose this college?
A Mr. Teeter's class
- Q Has anyone influenced or inspired you? How?
A Mr. Teeter



Daniel Dwyer

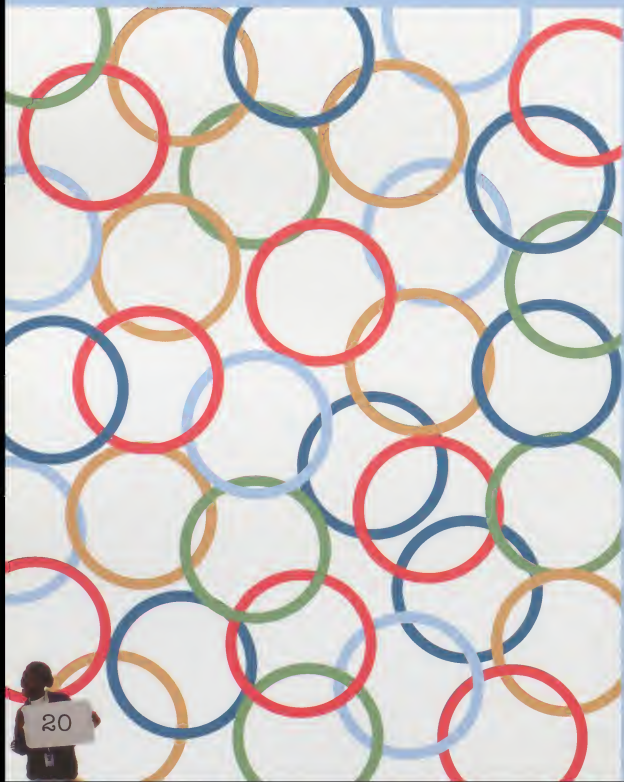
Aaron Pierson Pastry Chef

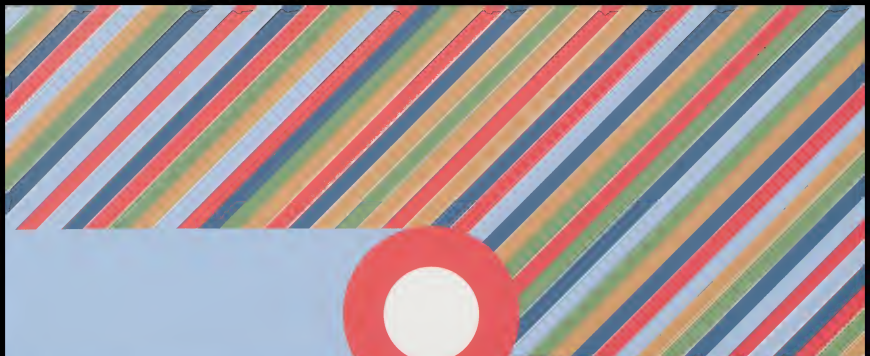


- Q Do you plan on attending college after graduation?
A Yes
- Q Where?
A Illinois Institute of Art (Chicago)
- Q What do you plan on majoring in?
A Culinary Arts-Pastry/Chef
- Q What made you choose this college?
A It is one of the best culinary Schools
- Q Has anyone influenced or inspired you? How?
A My grandmother. I used to always cook with her



academics



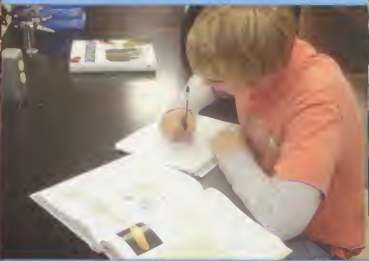


As Sophomore Joshua Pecenica points out a fact about mollusks, Senior Lauren Payne follows his finger. "I enjoy Zoology, but it's hard to pronounce some of the words like myxomycophyta," Payne said. "Even though the class is a challenge, I'm always up for any challenge that comes my way." Zoology is one of the new science classes added to the curriculum because of trimesters.

Caption: M. Govert Maestro: M. Govert Picture: K. Wills



TriMesters + new classes



Clockwise from left

- "It took a month to get ready for the play and about a week to complete the beams for the bed," Senior Gregory Demetrakis said as he builds the 9 foot tall bed.

- "I got a better feel for what goes on behind the scenes after taking this class," Junior Brandon Huppenthal said while he lays out a flat for the Wizards Den in the fall musical "Once Upon A Mattress."

- With a pen in one hand and keeping the lecture in mind, Junior Michael Gough defines vocabulary terms for Zoology class. "I took this class because it prepares you for college level biology and teaches you about many different animals. Some animals I didn't know existed until now," Gough said.

- "I took this class because I like animals and I was thinking about becoming a veterinarian in the future," Amanda Gonzales said. She and Sophomore Ashton Cole listen to a lecture on the make-up of flat worms during Science teacher Mr. Jeff Yelton's third hour class.

- "I chose this class because I was already in drama, and I figured it would be easy since I already knew what I was doing," Senior Chris Koeppel said. He helped build the princess's bed for the set.

- Making an analysis sheet on flat worms, Sophomore Ashton Cole pieces together the many things he has learned. "I decided to take this class to learn about animals, and I figured that it would help me in the future," Cole said.

- As they finish building the set used in the fall musical "Once Upon A Mattress," Junior Michael Hernandez along with Freshman Ryan Malone used a miter saw to cut the wood.



= NEW VUES



Trimesters are one of the many new features about Merrillville High School. More features include the addition of new classes such as Microbiology, Botany, Zoology, Anatomy and Physiology, Young Adult Novels, Hand Bells and Film Literature.

With the new trimesters, students are able to take more courses. Because students are now able to take up to 15 classes every year instead of only 12, the administration wanted to offer a wider variety of electives for students to take. These opportunities are intended to better prepare students for college.

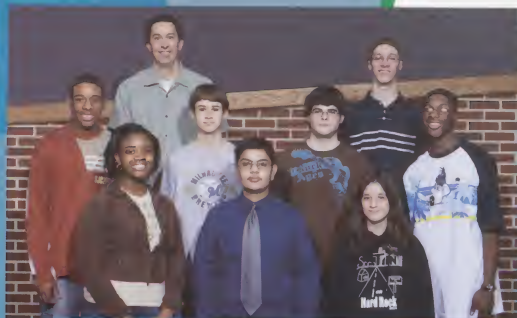
Senior Jackie Miller said she took Anatomy and Physiology. "I took the class to help prepare me for college," she said, "It required a lot of memorization and it was sort of hard at times, but I think it was worth it."

In addition, the administration hopes to reduce the amount of students that are forced to attend summer school to meet state requirements.

Another change this year includes the duration of each class. With the class length being roughly 70 minutes long, teachers can now cover more material and students can complete more homework in class.

Principal Mike Krutz said there are 15 new classes this year, and teachers have put in requests for more classes next year.





Academic Decathlon

Front Row: Deborah Ojeda-Juade, Nayil Arifee, Gers Zimmerman, Second Row: Neven Holland, Andrew Quick, Corey Holtz, John Goosby III; Back Row: Sponsor Mr. John Lambersie, Jacob Kapitan



Quiz Bowl

Front Row: James Gedda, Sarah Martin, Najeb Arifee; Second Row: Alan Camper Jr., Neven Holland, Ashish Arshanapalli, John Goosby III; Back Row: Kenneth Polezoes, Sponsor Mr. John Lambersie, Zachary Swierc



Science Olympiad

Front Row: John Goosby III, Najeb Arifee, Amanda Velasquez; Second Row: Zachary Swierc, Elliot Foley; Back Row: Sponsor Mr. Ian Rausei

Spell Bowl

Front Row: Jennifer Weger, Flyntoluwa Obajuluwa, Sponsor Mrs. Evelyn Steiner; Second Row: Alan Camper Jr., Daniel Sparks, John Goosby III, Neven Holland; Back Row: Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Ben Pankiewicz



Superbowl

Front Row: Flyntoluwa Obajuluwa, Hope Asya-Broughton, Sarah Martin, Najeb Akree, Sponsor Mrs. Evelyn Steiner; Second Row: Jennifer Weger, Alan Camper Jr., Neven Holland, John Goosby III; Back Row: Sponsor Mr. Ian Rausei, Zachary Swerc, Daniel Sparks, Sponsor Mr. Rob Bedwell, Ben Pankiewicz



The Results Are In

The academic teams did not perform as well as they had hoped. "Unfortunately, there was a serious lack of W's on our schedule this year," Sponsor Mr. John Lambertsie said.

Academic Decathlon placed first in the area out of the five large schools that they competed against. At state, they placed eighth out of ten schools.

The Quiz Bowl team won against Hobart with a record of 1-7.

Science Olympiad had an unsuccessful season placing 9th out of 12 teams at regionals with no medals awarded.

In the DAC invite, Spell Bowl placed fourth, and in the

area meet, they placed third with Senior John Goosby III getting a perfect score. Goosby and Senior Flyntoluwa Obajuluwa were named DAC All-Stars. Obajuluwa also received the Mental Attitude Award.

English, fine arts, social studies, science, math and interdisciplinary teams make up Academic Superbowl. Only one out of the six teams placed at the Duneland meet. The English team placed third out of 11.

"The topics were very difficult this year," Sponsor Mr. Rob Bedwell said.

Brain power beyond The classroom

Clockwise from right

- On a visit to the city of Pomferrada, Senior Jackie Miller stands in front of an ancient castle that lies in the middle of the city. "My mom had friends that lived in the city, so when we visited we walked through the castle," Miller said. "It was really pretty."

- Leaning on the shoulder of her dance partner Antonio, Miller strikes a pose. "We had to go to dance class once a week, on Thursday," Miller said. "It wasn't hard to learn their style of dancing. It was actually a lot of fun."

- While waiting in line at the Madrid Airport, Miller waits to check her luggage. "It was sad to think that it was over. I hope to go back and visit one day," Miller said. After spending seven weeks in Spain, Miller said, "Walking away from this experience, I'm really going to miss my family and the new people I met. I'm really going to miss the way of life there. It's different but better."

- Next to her mom, sister and housemate from the program, Miller smiles for a picture. "We lived in an apartment there and had a lot more freedom than we do here in America," Miller said. "We always spoke Spanish. It was especially hard the first day, but after a while we got used to it."

- In the center of León, Spain, Miller smiles in front of La Plaza Mayor. "Every city in Spain has a main plaza in the center of the city," Miller said. "They are important to the culture and are a big part of the city."

With few cars are on the road, at 4 a.m. everybody is heading home. Everything needed is in walking distance. This is how Spain looked for Senior Jackie Miller.

Through the IU Honors Program, Miller stayed in León for seven weeks with a host family. In this second family, Miller had a mom and a 32 year-old sister staying at home. She said it is normal for people to still stay at home at that age. The family loved to go out.

"It was a lot of fun," Miller said.

Staying in León for seven weeks cost her family \$5000.

"Both my brothers went to Spain through the program, and my parents figured I would too," Miller said. "They started saving money a while ago."

While she was there, she missed her friends and family. She also missed Independence Day. She was there, however, for the Festival of San Juan, an area party.

"It was really hard because we were there for the fourth of July," Miller said, "and they don't celebrate it. We didn't do anything."

All of the hardships were worth the trip. She stayed in an apartment building with her host family. She went to school five days a week. On weekends, the family would go see other parts of Spain. She also got to meet more family members when the family would travel. Miller said she misses the new friends she made while she was there and her host family.

"I definitely miss the culture the most," Miller said. "The thing that really attracted me was the people, the architecture and the fact that everything was so much more laidback."

She said there is no real danger there. Everyone walked everywhere without needing to be a certain place at a certain time.

"Even when we went out as a family, my host mom didn't even bring a watch," Miller said. "No one cares about what time you come home."



A view from

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Having already spent seven weeks in St. Brieuc, France, Senior Brandon Fles would take the chance to go back.

"I decided to do this because I ended up being really good in French," Fles said. "My teacher recommended I apply for it."

The trip cost \$5000 and Fles raised much of the funds himself. Fles said he held a spaghetti dinner to raise most of the money.

Fles said he was worried when he first got there. It would be seven weeks without speaking English.

"Getting there, I could barely say a full sentence in French," Fles said. "Now I can speak it almost fluently."

Fles said he adapted to his family very well. Chantel, a lady in her 50s, loved to help him with his homework. He said even if he had done it in school, she would check it over to make sure he got everything right. Michele, her husband, ran a lot.

"He would always ask me to go running with him," Fles said. "It was hard because he was a really good runner."

They also had two children, one daughter and one son. Fles was there during their daughter's wedding.

While he was there, he woke up at 7 a.m., ate breakfast and caught the school bus at 8 a.m. The school he went to was just an office set up as a school. They had free lunches followed by choir or drama, with gym classes on Tuesdays.

Fles thought the architecture was simply amazing.

"The cathedrals were absolutely beautiful," Fles said. "I would definitely go back."

Clockwise from right

- While waiting to board his flight from Midway Airport, Senior Brandon Fles smiles next to his mother. "I was so excited to leave," Fles said, "but once I was there, summer went by so quick."

- Talking on his phone, Fles waits by the door at the airport. "I was sad to be back home, but I really missed my family," Fles said.

- As he stands with the people selected to participate in the Indiana Honors Program trip, Fles smiles among more than 40 students and professors that traveled to France with him. "We all got along really well," Fles said. "Everyone that went to France with me was really nice."



New Places

Newspaper



Front Row: Julie Stelzer, Erica Flores, Sirena Blas, Mercedes Forsell, V' Lemia Curry; Second Row: Jonathon Kowalski, Hannelore Reynolds, Rolisha Moore, Mallory Lancaster, Ashish Arshanapalli, Benjamin Spires; Back Row: Stoten Stofko, Steven Lohse, Benjamin Pankiewicz

PNN



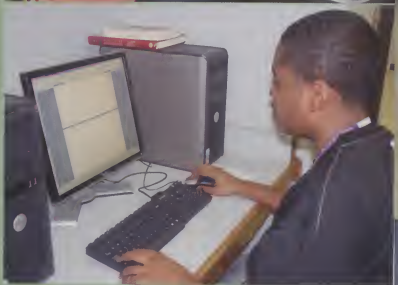
Front Row: Mary Kathleen Dixon, Dominique Marshall, Charne Forbes, Samantha Serwacki, Sirena Blas, Cameron Jones; Second Row: Angela Cast, Crystalynn Roy, Amy Gurney, Joseph Husek, Lauren Hallenbeck, Ian Hernandez, Lauren Stacks; Third Row: Shanna Kacher, Brian Pucher, Michael Rivera, Tiffany Begalia, Tony Barnes, Cody Lagermann; Back Row: Christopher Koepl, Steven Lohse

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Front Row: Cassandra Adler, Madeline Govert, Sirena Blas, Julie Stelzer, Carla Emmett, Yvette Guzman; Second Row: Natasa Djukic, Mary Kathleen Dixon, Megan Hutchinson, Ashley Amey, Erica Flores; Third Row: Ashish Arshanapalli, Benjamin Spires, Marcus Whitt, Melissa Darang, Arwen Bhe, Kara Vislosky; Back Row: Christopher Smith, Kyle Bonick, Benjamin Pankiewicz, Caleb Douglas

Our Means of Communication



- By setting up the teleprompter, Senior Derrianne Upshaw helps the news anchors with their scripts. Upshaw works the teleprompter every time a person is on camera. PNN has helped her learn patience and the value of time, she said. "I would recommend PNN because it is a good experience and it teaches people elements about working together," Upshaw said.

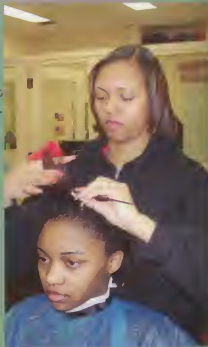
- Moving the cropping tool around a picture, Junior Rolisha Moore prepares the picture for the printer. Staffers must crop a picture when they send a hard copy of a picture to the printer. Moore said she has learned how to write captions and create interesting stories. "Yearbook is a great experience to meet new people and to work as a team," Moore said. "It really widens my experiences."

- To prevent a blurry image on the television, Senior Cameron Jones focuses the camera prior to broadcast. Focusing of the cameras take place before a session is recorded or goes live on air. Jones said he has learned the importance of teamwork and how hard it is to produce a ten-minute show. "I would recommend PNN as a fun class," Jones said, "but especially if you plan on pursuing communications in the future."

- As Sophomore Darius Battle types a yearbook story, he says he is living to make a deadline. Yearbook has seven deadlines, which means all stories, captions and layouts are due. Battle said that taking yearbook really improved his writing. "Yearbook is fun and a lot easier than many of my other classes," Battle said. "But you still must work."



BREAKing



Clockwise from above

- Cosmetology students at the Gary Career Center practice styling hair on mannequins in order to perfect their skills to style hair for people.
- Preparing her sketch, Junior Elizabeth Menard checks to make sure all details are perfect while attending the cosmetology course at the Gary Area Career Center. "I try to have everything right because this is something I would really like to pursue in life," Menard said.

The Gary Career Center serves as a vocational training school for students in Northwest Indiana. Since 1988, the Gary Career Center has given countless students the opportunity to choose, train and work in specialized courses that are not typically available to high school students.

Every day, a group of students from MHS goes to Gary to take classes such as Building Trades, Auto Services, and Cosmetology. These classes allow students to get basic training in specific areas. Senior Charlesea Calhoun said "The Gary Career Center helped me to improve in all my classes."

Senior Lyndsay Deming said the GCC prepares her for her expected career in nursing and also helped her attain her current job.

Senior LaChez McLucas, who attended the GCC her junior year, took Culinary Arts and said that the course required lots of book work, as well as hands-on guidance.

With nearly 100 students attending the Gary Career Center and over 40 staff members, the Gary Career Center has continued to grow over the past 19 years. Principal Jerome Hurt is in charge of the Gary Career Center, and has been since 2001. "We are proud of our first-class professional faculty, which is one of the finest in the state of Indiana," Principal Hurt said,

"Our instructional staff is dedicated toward providing outstanding career and technical education training to all students."

- The Gary Career Center is located off I-65. This school is for juniors and seniors from high schools around the area wanting to train for their careers.
- Attended by many, including Junior Shamiera Malone, the Gary Career Center gives students many opportunities. "I heard about it through family and friends, and now go there to learn about cosmetology," Malone said. Malone gains experience in cutting hair and doing make-up.

Out of Class



Few students realize MHS is more than just a high school. Children from the ages of three to five join the teens here everyday.

For the past five years, MHS has offered a daycare class that gives students the opportunity to gain hands on experience with working with children. This three-trimester long class is offered to upperclassmen and requires no prerequisites.

Director of the program, Mrs. Maggie Stallings said, "This class is a great opportunity for the students who take it because under normal circumstances they would probably not be able to get the experience that they get in this class." Daycare centers require a person to be at least 18 years of age to be hired. Since it is a class, age does not play a major role in the jobs that need to be done.

They originally decided to put a daycare at MHS, and then from that came the class.

"Since the class was offered at the Career Center we thought making it into a class would give the students the opportunity to work with the kids without having to leave the school to do it," Mrs. Stallings said.

What is an everyday like? After breakfast in the morning, the kids move to different areas where they play games in reading, math, computers, and the imagination area, and then they have circle time where the MHS students who take the class begin to teach or help in teaching the class.

Next are arts and crafts, where they begin to develop their motor skills.

After lunch they take a nap. When they wake up, they review what was discussed earlier that morning in circle time and after that the day is finished and they play until it is time for them to leave.



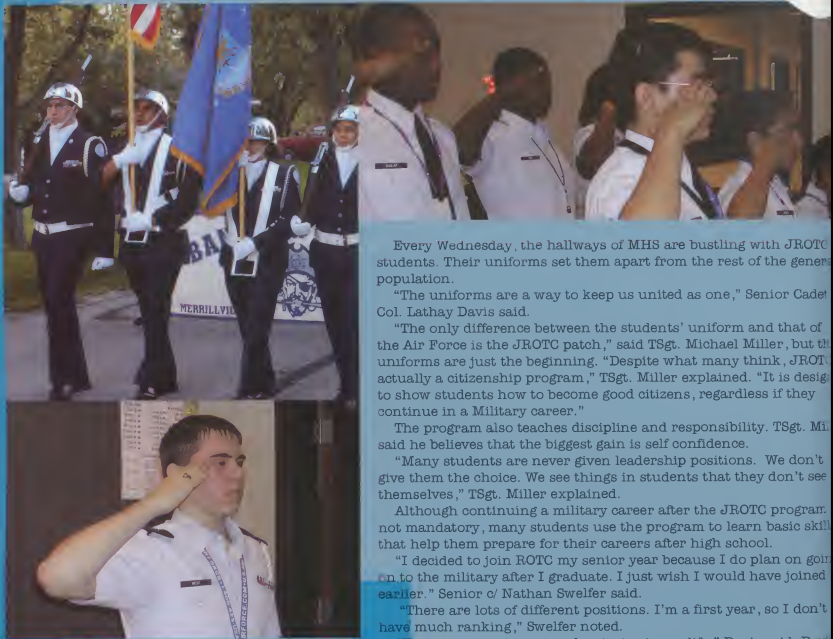
• Ms. Michelle is helping out Isabella on the computer. Isabella was playing Dora the Explorer. "It's my favorite game," Isabella said.

• Timothy shares his beads with Ronald during playtime in the morning. Megan waits patiently for her older brother, Timothy. "I want some beads too," she said.

• Just like general preschool, the daycare at MHS teaches children the basics of science, social studies and ABC's. During circle time, Isabella, Jahkove and Ronald listen to a story read by Ms. Michelle.



Learning



Clockwise from above:

- Junior Cadet Leader Jeremy West stands in the front of his fellow ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Core) classmates. "ROTC benefits me to have structure, confidence and an opportunity to lead," West said.
- In the Homecoming Parade, Junior John Perkins, Sophomore Luv-Joy Spencer, Junior Danielle Kacmar and Senior Malisha Spencer carry the flags. "I think ROTC benefits me because it gives me confidence in myself," Perkins said.
- Every Wednesday, ROTC students wear their blue uniforms. "It teaches me to be more confident in myself now that I joined this class," Freshman Luis Lagunas said.

Every Wednesday, the hallways of MHS are bustling with JROTC students. Their uniforms set them apart from the rest of the general population.

"The uniforms are a way to keep us united as one," Senior Cadet Col. Lathay Davis said.

"The only difference between the students' uniform and that of the Air Force is the JROTC patch," said TSgt. Michael Miller, but the uniforms are just the beginning. "Despite what many think, JROTC is actually a citizenship program," TSgt. Miller explained. "It is designed to show students how to become good citizens, regardless if they continue in a Military career."

The program also teaches discipline and responsibility. TSgt. Miller said he believes that the biggest gain is self confidence.

"Many students are never given leadership positions. We don't give them the choice. We see things in students that they don't see themselves," TSgt. Miller explained.

Although continuing a military career after the JROTC program is not mandatory, many students use the program to learn basic skills that help them prepare for their careers after high school.

"I decided to join ROTC my senior year because I do plan on going on to the military after I graduate. I just wish I would have joined earlier," Senior Cadet Nathan Swelfer said.

"There are lots of different positions. I'm a first year, so I don't have much ranking," Swelfer noted.

"This is a commitment and a starter to my life," Davis said. Davis is a Colonel and has the top student ranking. As Colonel, Davis has extra responsibilities.

"This is a cadet course. It is run by the students. They make decisions, and ultimately, it is their responsibility to see that the core is run efficiently," TSgt. Miller said.

"I'm looking forward to my new ranking," Miller said. "With the knowledge and experience I have gained from JROTC, I'm sure it will help with my military life."

"I feel like it really has made me a better citizen," Swelfer said. "To build better citizens for America" is the JROTC motto and to the students, mission accomplished.

new skills



While many students think that the school has mainly academic classes, such as math or English, some are fully aware of the industrial technology classes that MHS offers. These classes give students hands-on experiences.

Graphic Arts is one of the well-known industrial tech classes. Students print screens on t-shirts for the school and other organizations. They also print projects, such as banners and newsletters.

"We make t-shirts and just have fun in the class," Junior Alex Trajkovski said. "I enjoy Mr. (Dave) Teeter's class because he is laid back," Trajkovski said.

Designing houses or other buildings is even a possibility in some classes, whether it is on the computer or with bare hands. MHS and Ivy Tech State College have a partnership to offer a building trades class. Students get the opportunity to earn credits for Ivy Tech.

Computer Aided Design (CAD) classes teach students how to utilize sophisticated programs to design a house or other structures to scale. They learn to create maps and floorplans.

"CAD lets me be creative and build whatever I want. The class is educational, yet fun," Senior Quoc Nguyen said. "Very rarely is there homework, and yet I've done more work in that class than I have all year," Nguyen said.

If designing and t-shirt printing isn't enough, students can also enroll in an auto shop class to learn how to properly fix or install parts into a car. Many projects and repairs have been made in the auto shop's garage.

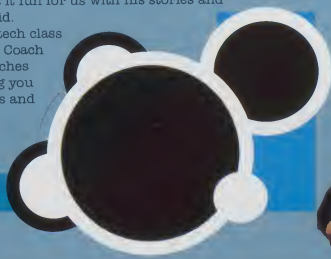
Students say the classes are educational and fun for both the instructor as well as the students.

"Coach Johnston makes it fun for us with his stories and jokes," Senior Jeff Kish said.

"Being in an industrial tech class teaches you many things," Coach Jim Johnston said, "It teaches you how to take everything you learn in books and lectures and put it to your own use."

Clockwise from above

- "Metals class will help me later on in my life for what I am going to do later on in my life which will be working on boat lifts," Senior Bret Yelachich said. The class requires you to wear safety goggles and to be extra careful in dealing with the machines.
- Sheet metal, tool boxes, and tools are a main part in the Industrial Technology classes. "This class helps me to improve my welding skills," Freshman Hector Magallanes said. The class were working on making their individual tool boxes.
- The two freshmen girls, Tanisha Oliver and Tracee Mitchel measure out their metal for their individual toolboxes. "Metals class is helping me for later on in my life," Mitchel said.



MoldiNg



Out of the 2000 plus students, many choose art to express their personality.

"The Art Department offers ten different classes with ceramics as the most popular," said Mr. Pratt, who has 21 years of teaching ceramics.

Media Arts 1 and 2, and Advanced Media Arts are classes to learn how to take photographs professionally and work with different lighting. Although each art class offers something different, they each give projects that take technique, craftsmanship, compassionate design and basic principles and elements of art.

Senior Brad Strom has been in ceramics for four years (six semesters and three trimesters). "The atmosphere and freedom to do what we want is why I continue to take this course. Throughout all the projects my favorite is the animal cups, which take two weeks per cup," said Strom.

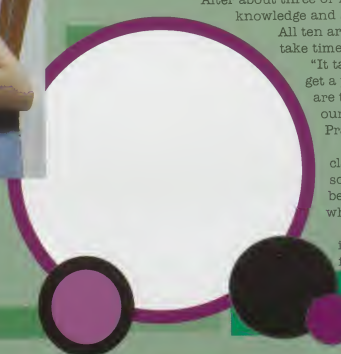
After about three or four trimesters you have enough knowledge and skill to plan your own projects. All ten art classes require projects that take time and patience.

"It takes an average of 15 hours to get a project complete but the classes are too short so we do not always get our students best efforts," said Mr. Pratt.

"The only downside to art classes is that you cannot miss school because you will fall behind," said Senior Drew Dawson who takes Two-Dimensional Art.

"I do not wish to pursue a career in ceramics, but it is a fun hobby for high school," said Strom.

"Although it is fun to draw, I took 2 D Art to graduate Academic Honors," said Dawson.



IntelliGence



Composed of the best and brightest of Merrillville High School, the National Honor Society is made up of dedicated students who represent their community in a positive way, maintain a 3.5 grade point average, and display leadership in every activity that they participate in.

"I am honored to be a part of NHS. After four years of hard work and dedication, I feel accomplished to be able to represent the best of our school," said Senior Jacqueline Miller.

The National Honor Society strives to make a positive impact on the community, and they organize different activities in order to help the school community as well as the town of Merrillville. On October 21, 2006, NHS planned and orchestrated a Walk-A-Thon to benefit the Special Needs Department.

"I was ecstatic to be part of the event," said Senior Quoc Nguyen, "It made me feel good to know that I made such a positive influence in people's lives."

The NHS also sponsors a dinner, Roots and Wings, for the top ten students of the senior class. Each honoree delivers a speech regarding their family and favorite teacher. "I've looked forward to being part of the NHS since I was a freshman," said President Kenneth Polezoes, "Being a member helps me serve my community."

After inducting Junior Kathrine Hurd, Senior Quoc Nguyen



Counter-clockwise from above:
 • Junior Nicholas Diehl lighting the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the National Honor Society ceremony.

• Lighting four candles that represent the four characteristics of NHS: leadership, service, and scholarship. Senior Mary Kathleen Dixon said she was honored to be part of the ceremony.

• National Honor Society members. Front Row: Ashlee Holland, Erica Flores, Madeline Govert, Mary Kathleen Dixon, Amy Vargas, Cassandra Adams. Second Row: Fyrioluwa Obajuwon, Quoc Nguyen, Lamey Hurd, Amy Gurney, Richard Heddick III, Maha East, Kristin Miller, Blair Mitchell; Third Row: Alexander Jones, Jaclyn Boskamp, Melinda Darang, Ashish Arshanapalli, Jacqueline Miller, Pamela Johnson, Michelle Deming; Fourth Row: Nicholas Makarowski, Anthony Parini, Marcus Whitt, Patrick Laorden, Nicholas Kaoukis, John Gosby III; Back Row: Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Kyle Bonick, Kenneth Polezoes, Not pictured: Megan Hutchinson.

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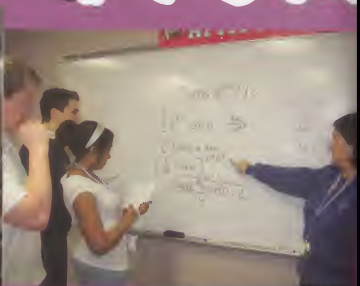


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- While drawing, Catlin DeCourcy is very creative when she makes art. "I love to express myself while drawing, but I really want to major in a photograph when I go to college," Catlin DeCourcy said. "I really like being in the dark room where I can look at my pictures as they develop."
- It being Elyssa Mojica's second year in an art class by her face expression she looks like she really enjoys making art. She also is glad about the way her new project is turning out. "I'm not only making art because I thought there was going to be less book work, but also because my mom inspires me by the way she does her art own art work Elyssa Mojica said."
- Having it be her first year in a high school art class Stephanie Cornejo has a great start on her art. "I love drawing art of my Mexican family," Stephanie Cornejo said. "I am proud of who I am," said Stephanie Cornejo. Some artists do art to express their feelings, but others do it to show who they are.

Stories: Y. Guzman & S. Nguyen Captions: C. Hernandez Maestro N. Djukic Photos: E. Flores & A. Skochenko

A 'Vue' From



Lecturing, reading and studying are often three words that describe a college classroom setting. What many do not know is that those three words can also describe the advanced placement classes. The college-like curriculum prepares students to take an examination in May. Students can earn college credit. Teachers often recommend students to take these classes to better prepare the student for what college will be based upon.

Advanced Placement Psychology teacher Mrs. Amber Barron stated, "The student should be prepared for hard work and be dedicated because the curriculum is a college curriculum."

AP classes are offered in math, history, English, and science. Each classroom setting has different activities they do. The activities usually include labs and hands-on activities that revolve around student-directed learning. The viewpoint from a student perspective is not much different.

"I am in AP classes because they are beneficiary to my future but also may save me thousands of dollars if I pass the exam," Senior Astlee Holland who is in two AP classes, said.

Lecturing, reading and studying may sound boring to some but at another viewpoint, may build character and make a person more studious.

"I like how I am learning a lot and am going to be ahead for my first year in college," Holland said.



Clockwise from left:

- Ready for trouble: Seniors Marcus Williams and Demetrius Wright fight a fire and enjoy the sting. The principles are real, but the labs are easy. They make learning the concepts easier. Wright said, "The chemistry joke, but I love Mr. Munchenburg's teaching methods." Upshaw said.
- Checking their work: Seniors Edwin Trujillo and Justin Carrasco ask Mr. Mike Dinscombe to review it with them. "That's very important like, we had to make sure there are no mistakes," Trujillo said.
- As Seniors Raphael Phillips, Jacob Galt, and Demetrius Walker attempt to solve an inorganic problem with the help of AP Calculus teacher Nancy Drake. "We were nervous for this class," AP Calculus student said. "It's a real challenge, but I think we did it. Seniors know that it's not an easy class to pass."
- After putting in two papers the seniors, Justin A. Miller, Quinn and Demetrius Wright, are always going first and not on the second. "I Advanced Placement Chemistry, it's a lot of work, and I think the class is great. Mr. Dinscombe, Mr. D. Dinscombe is a great teacher. He makes sure we understand what's going on." Munchenburg said.



Both Sides



Clockwise from top left:

- As Junior Jonathan Bosko and Senior Brian Miles meet their work on the computers, they wait for the help they need. "If you get done early, you can go in and there and do nothing until it's time to go," Miles says. They feel that alternative school does not have as many benefits as regular school. "When I am a senior next year, I don't think that I will know as much as my other classmates," Bosko said.
- Receiving help from Mr. Kenneth Wicks, Junior Robert Dixon is trying to learn as much as possible. "It is hard for me to learn from a computer alone. But you have to do everything by yourself," Dixon said.
- Wicks is a big fan of the alternative school. "Freshman Wicks is a big fan of alternative school. It's very different. The biggest difference is the time shared and the type of work they do. I don't like it," Dixon said. Joseph says that it is good at the very first of school but doesn't appreciate it. "All I have to do is my work then I can keep up with my other classmates," Joseph said.



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When regular school becomes a problem for some students, they have another option. What is it you ask? It's alternative school. Three teachers teach in alternative school and the number of students varies from 10 to 200 kids. The teachers are Mr. Nick Petralia, Mr. Michael Knocks and Mr. Kim Suryniak. Alternative school is a little different from regular school. Unlike regular school, alternative school is computer-based learning.

"The students learn on computers as opposed to teachers teaching them. The teachers are there just to help them along the way if they need it," said Mr. Petralia.

The class lasts one semester and is from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Students receive three credits for it. There are no letter grades which means that the grades are pass or fail. Alternative school isn't just for anyone. The administration has to place the student in it. Although the teaching, grading and time schedules are different, the same things are taught. There are no alternatives, but it still has a positive effect on the students enrolled in it. The teachers are very supportive of it.

"It is a great way for students to obtain an education outside the day school atmosphere," said Mr. Petralia.

The students also feel a certain way about alternative school. Some students like it, and others do not like it as much.

"I don't like alternative school too much because there aren't that many people to talk to," said Junior Jonathan Bosko.

Some of the students also prefer to be taught by teachers instead of learning on the computer. On the other hand, some students like alternative school because it doesn't last as long as regular school.

"One of the main reasons why I like alternative school is because it only lasts three hours and all you do is work on the computer," Bosko said.

Dribbling the ball to get past a defender, Senior Joshua White drives the ball to the basket. White has been playing basketball for 12 years and was a member of the varsity team for 2 years. Throughout the season, White averaged 16 points a game. "Whenever my team needed to score, I felt I had to step up and take over," White said.



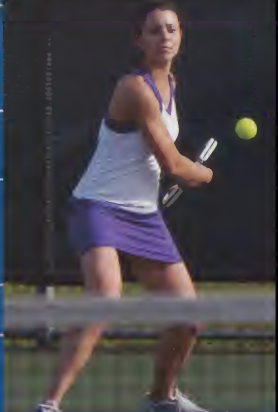
White. Sophomore Arielle Brindley plays the libero, and saves a lot. "Arielle acts as a disc, my eyes are on her, looking for any player on the court at any time. Brindley has been playing volleyball for three years. In addition to playing on the high school team, Brindley also plays on the Dallas team. "Teamwork is very important in any team. I had a lot of fun for my first time on varsity, and I will be looking forward to improving for next year," Brindley said.



Glove in the air, Sophomore Aaron Anthony Kaczmarek catches a fly ball in the junior varsity game against Morton. Kaczmarek has been playing baseball for 10 years and played for the Merrillville Little League as a child. Kaczmarek has learned that being on a team takes a lot of hard work and effort. "Baseball is hard work, but in the end, it pays off in our games and in the fun I have when I am with my teammates," Kaczmarek said.

One of four captains on the team, Senior Joshua Raspopovich throws a pass to Bob Wright in the flat. "Being a major leader felt good because I got to set examples for young players, what they need to do to achieve goals," Raspopovich said. "I always made sure to get the whole team on board instead of just three-fourths. Teamwork is the key to success."

"I'm a left-handed kicker but right-leg. I shot Stephanie Donahue out. Enjoying a backhand backstroke is common in singles matches. "Because I have an over the voice court... I generally play at the forehand and not ground strokes." Donahue said. Donahue has been on the varsity team since her freshman year and played doubles this singles this year.



At a swimming meet, Junior Alyssa Cast performs a double back flip, finishing straight and landing headfirst in the pool. Cast has been swimming since she was a member of the MAC swim team. "Diving is very scary, and you end up smacking the water a lot," Cast said. "The more you practice, the more difficult dives you can perform."

sports

CRUSHIN' SKULLS

Before running onto the field, Head Coach Zac Wells offers words of advice to Junior strong safety/running back Ronneal Williams (22). "Coach Wells pushes everyone to do the best they can. He wants us to be the best players we can be, the best ones on the field," Williams said. In past seasons, Coach Wells held the position of defensive coordinator, but this year was his first as head coach. The Pirates ended their season with a record of 7-5.



Darting past Highland defenders Dan Spretnjak (34) and Val Cocarrubias (36), Senior running back Michael Gates (10) makes his way to the end zone. The team spent a great deal of time this season improving both speed and strength. "Football makes you a man," Gates said. "We are physically able to take anything. There is no other sport like it." Gates finished this season with 268 yards on 68 rushes and scored one touchdown.



Airborne, Senior defensive back/wide receiver Jason Talbert (5) receives a pass thrown by Senior quarterback Joshua Raspovich (3) as Crown Point's Joe Patrick (48) and Lance LaMere (26) close in for the tackle. "I was so focused," Talbert said. "All I thought about was making a big play." The game ended in a loss for the Pirates, with a final score of 17-2.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: Fiercely staring down their opponents, Senior defensive end John Jackson (43) and Sophomore middle linebacker Dionte Day wait for the ball to be snapped in a game versus the Highland Trojans. "Playing on defense requires me to be aggressive, focused, and ready to play at all times," Day said. The Pirates beat the Trojans, 26-0.

His feet inches off the ground, Senior running back Eric Williams (6) dodges Highland's Glen Dorocher (14). "Eric is very dedicated and loves the game of football," teammate Cordero Arcia said. "He had a knee injury early in the season but fought hard to come back and help the team." This season, Williams had a total of 206 yards on 59 rushes and scored 4 touchdowns.

Near the Pirates' end zone, Junior wide receiver Clay Cooper (31) and Lake Central's Steve Meeker (14) outstretch their arms towards the ball as Senior receiver Samuel Vesely and Lake Central's Adam Hill (3) stand below blocking each other. "When we are on the field it's all for one and one for all," Vesely said. The Pirates defeated the Lake Central Indians with a score of 42-28.

As a Lake Central defender attempts to tackle him, Senior wingback Kyle Morris (2) rushes the ball down the field. "I had to try and break the tackle so we could score," Morris said. "I needed every inch I could get." Morris ran for 1010 all-purpose yards and scored 6 touchdowns this season.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
EC Central	W	37-3
Highland	W	26-0
Crown Point	L	17-2
Portage	W	28-3
Michigan City	W	21-12
LaPorte	L	41-14
Valparaiso	L	41-23
Lake Central	W	42-28
Chesterton	L	13-22
SECTIONALS		
EC Central	W	31-0
Chesterton	W	39-22
Crown Point	L	28-7





With the ball in hand, Senior wide receiver Drew Dawson (1) outruns Highland's Tony Trichak (27) while Senior linebacker Brian Maddox-Lee (33) runs towards him to block. "When I'm playing a game, I think about everything we did in practice. I try to put myself in the best position so I can prevent the other team from scoring," Dawson said. Along with being one of the team captains, Dawson was named Mr. Football. He finished the season with 3 interceptions, 67 tackles, and 3 blocked kicks.

With a new season and a new coach, the Football Team was ready to begin.

"I have a passion for the game. Interacting with my teammates is always fun," Senior Joshua Raspopovich said.

"Football is a lot of fun, and it gives me something to do," Junior Ronneal Williams said.

Head varsity Coach Zac Wells, a 1993 graduate, took the head coach position. This was a surprise to everyone, including Coach Wells.

"I did not see myself being a coach. I did not even want to be a teacher," Coach Wells said.

Players said Coach Wells is more strict than former Coach Jeff Yelton.

"Coach Wells has a different way of doing things. Therefore, it was hard to get used to," Senior Drew Dawson said.

"Coach Wells is a lot more intense than Coach Yelton," Raspopovich said.

"Coach Wells is a great coach. His coaching ways are different from Coach Yelton's though," Senior Michael Langhurst said.

Many of the coaches and players believe that dedication has played a major role in building the football program.

"I have learned what it means to have dedication and how to be a hard worker," Junior Nicholas Diehl said.

"Our success depends on our level of dedication," Coach Wells said.

"The team is very dedicated," Receivers Coach Mike Megyesi said. "If we were not, there would be no success."

With the number of seniors leaving, Coach Megyesi believes next year's team will be all right.

"A lot of juniors have stepped up and will fit leader's shoes, such as Steven Lohse, Nicholas Diehl, Ronneal Williams and Roosevelt Williams," Coach Megyesi said.

"It all depends on dedication, therefore, it is too early to tell," Coach Wells said.

Although the season ended with a 7-5 record, some of the players achieved conference titles. Raspopovich had the second most passing yards in the conference. Dionte Day also was the conference leader for the most tackles.

The seniors would like to leave the season with some advice for the underclassmen.

"Do not give up. Never settle for second best," Senior Jeffrey Kish said.

"Work hard and always be positive," Raspopovich said.

"Always work hard even in the off-season," Dawson said.

"Be the best you can be," Senior Kyle Morris said.





Front Row: Chelsie Kelly, Lauren Hallenbeck; Second Row: Kristen Hoyles, Christina Lobodinski, Amy Vargas, Alyssa Brindley; Last Row: Coach Tania Price, Lisa Saberniak, Ashley Contreras, Kelsey Barrick, Melissa Warren, Tiffany Robertson, Coach Mark Ciesielski

Teamwork. Working as one. Combining techniques and strategies to win. The Volleyball Team may not have had the end result that they had hoped for but felt that they had reached their ultimate goal: believing in themselves and doing the best they could.

"It's not just one person that leads the team to success. It's the coaching staff along with the girls that come together to help pull out a win," Coach Tania Price said. "It takes everyone's effort."

The team started practicing together over the summer, combining work-outs and open gym time to help begin their pre-season.

"Teamwork made everything," said Senior Lauren Hallenbeck.

"The senior leaders this year really took the underclassmen under their wing and taught them how to have fun," said Coach Price. "They really made them feel wanted."

As the regular season wrapped up, many of the girls had bittersweet remarks.

"I believe that we could have gone a lot farther. But overall, I'm happy," Senior Christina Lobodinski said. "We believed that we could do it and ended up beating a lot of teams that we hadn't beat in the past. I think we all played well as a team, but we could have done better."

As sectionals came closer, the team practiced at least 3 hours a day preparing for their opponents. They knew that Chesterton and LaPorte would be a big contender for them; however, they did not let the pressure phase them.

"LaPorte was the toughest," said Junior Ashley Contreras. "They had better defense."

"Lauren Hallenbeck stands out in my mind. Every game, she wanted it. Even through the pain she endured over the season, she worked through it. She gave 100 percent every match, and it really showed on the court," said Coach Price.

"I was a bit disappointed on a few of our losses this season. I feel we could've been higher up on the DAC, but we accomplished a lot," said Coach Price. "I saw a lot of improvement in the girls this year."

"If you don't want to win, you can tell on the court," said Contreras. "Everyone needs to put their heart into it, and we should be successful."

With four seniors graduating this year, the underclassmen realize their work is out for them.

"Everyone was at camp during the off-season, so hopefully we'll be able to step it up and fill in the spots that the seniors filled this year," said Junior Kristin Hoyles. "They'll be hard shoes to fill though."



A KILL SAVES



Ready to spike the ball, Senior Chelsie Kelly (9) positions herself for a successful point. "I love volleyball. I have played since sixth grade; there is no greater sport," Kelly said.

OPPOSITE FROM TOP- About to serve the ball, Senior Amy Vargas (13) looks ahead at the opposing team. "I knew I had to give it my all and I was prepared for anything," Vargas said. The serve was successful and the ball was in play.

Hands in the air, Junior Ashley Contreras (3) prepares to set the ball for Senior Christina Lobodinski (2) to receive a point against Valparaiso. "I love the volleyball girls, and I am going to miss them," Lobodinski said.

With success in her eyes, Senior Christina Lobodinski (2) passes the ball and hopes that her hard work will pay off. "The hard work and dedication really pays off in the end," Lobodinski said.

Trying to keep the ball in play, Senior Lauren Hallenbeck (4) makes a diving effort. "I saw the ball coming and I knew I had to dive to make the play successful," Hallenbeck said.

As Junior Ashley Contreras (3) dives to the floor, she makes an effort to save the ball. "During the game my focus is always on the ball, and I'll do anything to keep the ball in play," Contreras said. Her teammates Lauren Hallenbeck (4), Tiffany Robertson (10) and Melissa Warren (11) were there to back her up. "My teammates are always there for me, they always have my back," Contreras said.



After receiving a point, the team celebrates their kill. Lauren Hallenbeck (4), Chelsie Kelly (9), Ashley Contreras (3) and Kristen Holyes (8) all rejoice over their successful kill. "We were prepared and we knew what we had to do going into the game," Senior Lauren Hallenbeck (4) said. With a score of 3-1, they had a win over the Griffith Panthers.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Griffith	W	3-1
Lowell	W	3-0
LaPorte Tourney		2 for 4
Andean	W	3-1
Crown Point	W	3-1
Lake Central	W	3-1
Chesterton	L	0-3
Kankakee Valley Classic		2 for 4
Valparaiso	W	3-0
LaPorte	L	0-3
Michigan City	W	3-1
Portage	L	0-3
Crown Point	W	3-0
Lake Central	L	2-3
Chesterton	L	0-3
Valparaiso	W	3-0
Terry White Invitational		1 for 3
LaPorte	L	0-3
Michigan City	L	2-3
Portage	W	3-1
Plymouth	W	3-1
SECTIONALS		
Chesterton	L	0-3

Getting dirty in the mud, Junior Greg Jansen (4) passes the ball to a teammate while an opposing player from West Lafayette dives to make the block. "All I could think about at this moment was that we needed to win the game for Coach Past because he wasn't there," Jansen said. The Pirates ended the game with a victory over West Lafayette with a final score of 5-4.



As Senior Javier Prieto (7) races down the field and attempts to kick the ball into the goal. "All I could think about at that moment was what to do next," Prieto said.



After scoring the game-winning goal against West Lafayette. Sophomore Ryan Stokes (1) runs to be congratulated by his teammate Mike Enghofer (8). "I like the intensity of the games," Stokes said.

BOTTOM, FROM LEFT: While running the field, Junior Daniel Prentoski (11) looks to a teammate to make a pass. "I just really wanted to score," Prentoski said. The teams practiced around 15 to 20 hours a week. "I think we did the best out of all 3 years I've been on this team," Prentoski said.

Distributing the ball to one of his strikers, Senior Aleksandar Risteovski (18) moves down the field. "This year our season was in 3D, we had dedication, determination, and desire," Risteovski said. The Pirates ended their season with a successful record of 9-6.

"I don't practice, it's all natural," Senior Nome Damjanoski (10) said. During the game against LaPorte, Damjanoski heads the ball to a teammate to get the ball down the field. The energy and excitement of the game gets Damjanoski ready to hit the field. "Just thinking about the suspense of the game gets me pumped up," Damjanoski said.

"It's really fast paced, you don't stop moving until you're done," Junior Prince Nzeata (2) said. While attempting to get in possession of the ball, Nzeata does his job. "As a defender I try my best to make sure the opposing team doesn't get the ball and that our team is in possession," Nzeata said.



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FRONT ROW: Michael Ferguson, Jacob George, Prince Nzeata, Jeffrey Jelinek, Richard Reddick III; Middle Row: Ryan Stokes, Keith Wachter, Aleksandar Risteovski, Benjamin Spires, Nikolas Kaoukis, Gregory Jansen, Daniel Prentkosi, Michael Enghofer; Back Row: Coach Brad Daniel, Coach Rick Hurey, Tyler Roark, Norn Damjanoski, Andrew Goralczyk, Coach Brian Past, Coach Jon Gutierrez

Imagine coming off the field, and the coach is not there to shake your hand. The boys' Soccer Team coped with this for most of their games. With Coach Brian Past's father in the hospital this season, he was not able to be around all the time.

"It was hard with Coach Past not being there," Freshman Mike Enghofer, midfielder and forward, said. "He brings so much to the team."

Even through all this hardship, the team pulled together to come out with a 9-8-1 record. The team also put a little more heart into the games.

"We all decided to dedicate the season to Coach Past," Senior Javier Prieto, who plays midfield, said. "Physically everybody played their best."

"It got stressful, but the boys really worked hard. They fought the whole time," Assistant Coach Richard Hurey said. "They understood and accepted why Coach Past wasn't there, but it was still difficult to get through games."

"During sectionals the team played real hard, out shot the other team, but the end result didn't reflect how the game went," Coach Past said. He said the boys have shown they can get past it and move on and succeed on different levels.

All the boys said they had improved in some way. Coach Past said the team captain, Senior Aleksandar Risteovski, stepped up to play a position new to him, defense. Team Captain Jeffrey Jelinek, goalkeeper, was one of the top goalies in the area.

"Jelinek literally kept us in every game. We might have let in a goal or two, but the opposing team was making about 20-30 shots per game," Coach Past said.

The boys became smarter throughout the season as well.

"I think about plays now. I see the ball coming and know exactly what I'm going to do with it before it comes to me," Prieto said.

"I got smarter and learned how to play more in a

team setting," Freshman Theo Makarounas, defensive player, said.

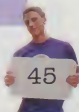
The game against the Lake Central Indians was a memorable one for the team. Playing on the Indians' territory, they took a hard loss. The final score was 2-1, Lake Central.

"We were the big underdogs and no one thought we could do it. We went into penalty kicks, but unfortunately we didn't come out with a win," Enghofer said.

The team made it out of the first round of sectionals, but could not advance through the second round.

"All the support from my team, assistant coaches and administrators really helped me to get through my father's illness and subsequent death," Coach Past said. "It was great having the teachers and students there for me."

Opponent	Win/Loss/Tie	Score
Andean	T	1-1
LaPorte	W	4-0
FW Snider	W	2-1
Chesterton	L	3-1
Columbus North	L	2-1
Louisville Christian	W	3-1
Washington	L	3-2
Valparaiso	L	3-0
Munster	W	2-1
Michigan City	W	3-1
Hobart	W	3-0
Crown Point	W	4-1
West Lafayette	W	4-5
Lake Central	L	2-1
FW Canterbury	L	3-0
Portage	L	2-1
SECTIONALS		
Griffith	W	4-3
Andean	L	1-0



GOING FOR GOALS

With Coach Jeff Fairbairn watching nearby, Senior Kacey Loudermilk (11) steps in front of the pass from Lowell's Ashley Maish (9), stealing the ball and creating a breakthrough chance to score a goal. "A lot of people stepped up and improved a lot during the year," Loudermilk said.



As she stops the ball from going into the goal, Junior Michelle Kistler(8) dives to the ground. This was her first year as goalie for the varsity team. "The year had its ups and downs, but all together it was a good year," Kistler said.



To prevent Valparaiso from advancing the ball down the field, Junior Amanda Churilla (2) takes it away from her opponent. Churilla played both center-midfield and defense this year. "This year went much better than last year. We worked hard, but we also had a lot of fun along the way," Churilla said.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Elkhart Central	W	2-1
LaPorte	W	3-2
Highland	T	0-0
Chesterton	L	4-1
Bloomington South	L	3-0
Evansville Harrison	L	4-1
Richmond	W	2-1
Valparaiso	L	9-0
Andrean	L	6-0
Griffith	W	3-1
West Lafayette	L	2-1
Crown Point	L	4-0
Munster	L	3-0
Lake Central	L	3-1
Hobart	L	3-1
Michigan City	W	2-0
Portage	L	4-1
SECTIONALS		
Lowell	L	2-1

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: "I was trying to clear the ball in order to stop Valparaiso from scoring," Senior Jenna Baisden (17) said. Although MVP Baisden continued to play defensive forward the whole game, the Pirates went on to lose 9-0.

Launching the ball with her head, Junior Katie Balko (4) leaps over Andrean's Lindsey Broderick (13), and takes the ball back for her team. She played left outside mid this year. "This year went much better than what I expected," she said. She hopes to play as well next year, even with the amount of seniors graduating.

In order to give her team a chance to score, Sophomore Mercedes Forsell (6) punts the ball down field. This year she was one of the team's defensive players. "Overall we did much better this year than last year. We played together better and played much harder than before," she said. She remains optimistic for next year, even with so many seniors graduating.

"I was just trying to beat the other girl to the ball," Junior Karen Balko (7) said. Balko played right outside mid for the varsity team this year. Despite efforts from Balko, the Pirates went on to lose 6-0. "We did really well this year," she said "even though the scores may not have necessarily shown that."





Front Row: Brittney Maynard, Elyssa Mojica, Michelle Kistler, Andrea Warman, Amber Barnes, Jenna Baisden, Amanda Churilla; Second Row: Eniola Akinrinade, Debra Harstad, Kacey Loudermilk, Kathrine Harold, Kalynn Harstad, Michele Warshall, Despina Lozeviski, Mercedes Forsell; Back Row: Coach Tammy Deel, Katelynn Kora, Katie Balko, Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Kendall Sharp, Karen Balko, Coach Jason Kendera



The girls' Soccer Team proved that success is not only measured by a record.

"We all love each other, and even when the season is over, we still have respect for each other," Junior Katelynn Kora said.

The team went 5-12-1 throughout the season and started off 2-0.

"We improved a lot from last year. This year we were able to play more like a team," Kora said.

The team did not advance out of the first sectional round.

"Even though we didn't make it past the first round of sectionals, as a team, I think we played really well," Senior Andrea Warman said.

The girls set goals at the beginning of the year to help improve their season. They accomplished winning the first game and winning one game at the Hoosier Cup.

"The Hoosier Cup Tournament created a team environment and helped us discover more about our team," Coach Jeff Fairbairn said.

Instead of seniors acting as captains, Juniors Kathrine Harold and Kendall Sharp were selected to lead the team.

"I did not think having the juniors as captains was a big deal," Warman said.

"Everyone took a part in leading the team."

Also, the girls focused on team bonding.

"This year we had more get-togethers. We weren't divided into separate cliques," Warman said.

Even though the majority of the team was made up of juniors, the seniors still "had a presence" which kept the team in high spirits.

"I will miss the overall attitude of the seniors," Kora said.

Senior Jenna Baisden was the MVP, Junior Elyssa Mojica was the Most Improved player, Senior Katelynn Harstad won the Sportsmanship award and Junior Amanda Churilla won the Leadership Award. Senior Kacey Loudermilk was the season's top scorer.

To keep improving, the majority of the girls said they compete on indoor soccer field teams.

Although they might not have had the best record, the girls still believe they had a successful season.

"We are really a family. I can't even count how many times I said 'I love you guys' to my teammates," Kora said.

Agreeing with Kora's statement, Warman said, "It was by far the best season we have ever played."

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Gavit Invite		5th of 7
Tri-meet		
Michigan City	L	42-16
Valparaiso	L	44-19
T.F. South		4th of 10
Crown Point	L	27-28
Rensselaer Invite		5th of 8
Tri-meet		
LaPorte	L	22-35
Lake Central	L	20-35
New Prairie Invite		19th of 30
Tri-meet		
Portage	W	27-28
Chesterton	W	27-28
Highland Invite		2nd of 18
DAC		4th of 18
SECTIONAL		6th

With two years of experience, Junior Michael Gough focuses on staying near his teammates during this race. "Staying up with my teammates is my main strategy and not zoning out," Gough said. Gough placed 23rd in the race.



While Highland, Andean, Lowell and Munster are behind, Juniors Seth Binder, Michael Gough and Corbin Massa said, "We try to stick together for the first couple miles. We really focus on teamwork."



The course that Juniors Benjamin Tapper, Frank Sumichrast, Joshua Crayne and Freshman Steven Condes took was flat and muddy, but the team said it was the fastest time they had ever run before. They ran eight miles at each practice in order to prepare for the three mile race. Munster ended up winning the race.



RUN WITH THE WIND

"It's racing, not just running," Senior Matthew Bane is quick to point out when cross country running is the topic at hand.

Bane, one of the two returning seniors from last year's team, felt like he had to step up and take a leadership role this season.

"We lost a lot of talent this season, so I felt it was on me to take over," Junior Corbin Massa agrees. "I think Matt really stepped up."

The team finished the season on a lower than expected note, with only one runner, Massa, advancing past regionals.

Regardless, the team and coach see the season as a success, as well as an improvement over last year.

"This year, we didn't have one outstanding runner, but the team overall was better," six-year Coach Michael Hoffman said. "We ran the best at the conference meet. We were picked to finish seventh, and we ended up fourth, beating

Valparaiso and Portage for the first time ever."

In the off-season, the team trains constantly.

"In the summer, we average about 70 miles per week. During the season we do about forty or fifty," Bane said.

Preparing for a race on meet day is just as critical as training.

"We get there about an hour early and spend the time pretty much stretching and warming up, trying to relax for the race," Massa said.

Even though the season did not have the expected end for the team, the future looks bright.

"We should be pretty good. We are returning four of the top five runners," Coach Hoffman pointed out.

Massa feels the same way.

"Four runners returning mean a lot of experience," Massa said. "I want to take it to state."



Front row: Anthony Miranda, Matthew Bane, Benjamin Tapper, Daniel Caruana, Corbin Massa, Michael Gough, Steven Condes; Back row: Jeremy Zeilenga, Donald Bhe, Coach Michael Hoffman, Seth Binder, Joshua Williams

LEFT, FROM TOP: In his first season with the Cross Country team, Junior Benjamin Tapper rounds the corner with only one thing on his mind. "I was thinking I need to beat this guy in front of me," Tapper said. Tapper placed 56th at this race in Highland.

"Running and catching up to the other boys was my main focus and concern," Donald Bhe said. Bhe approached the end and placed 50th in this race. Donald has started running when he was a sophomore and continued to run when he was a senior.

As Morton rivals approach, Senior Matthew Bane tries to beat 17:20. "My biggest rivals were Crown Point and Chesterton," Bane said. Bane has been running for two years. Bane placed 24th at the Highland invite.

Trying to break less than 17 minutes, Junior Corbin Massa runs to the finish line. Massa started running cross country when he was in the eighth grade. "I felt we could have run better as a team, but we got second so it was good," Massa said. Massa placed 13th in this race.



FRONT ROW: Kate Tarr, Arielle Anderson, Ashley Hite, Whitney Williams, Irene Lopez, Pauline Laorden; BACK ROW: Mr. Sean Meagher, Brianna Ursery, Jessica Boursier, Natalie Vartanoff, Maritsa Escalante

With a team of ten for the season, the girls' Cross Country Team proved that quality triumphs over quantity.

Practices began in the heat of late July, usually lasting an hour or more. By the end of the summer the girls were conditioned and ready to start the season with a bang.

"We finished at sectionals this year in fourth place. Last year we came in sixth place," Coach Sean Meagher said.

Dedication leads a team to greatness, and great leaders set the example for others to learn.

"Early in the season, Maritsa Escalante started hard workouts and things the team had never seen before, and others followed," Coach Meagher said.

Senior Captain Escalante has been running for six years and plans to not only run in college but to excel.

"My strategy is just to pass as many people as I can," Escalante said.

Other runners on the team learn from the example set by leaders like Escalante.

First year runner Freshman Natalie Vartanoff plans on running through the winter and participating in track to improve her endurance for next season. Sophomore Kate Tarr also learned from team leaders as she surpassed her teammates at regionals and advanced to the semi state meet at New Prairie. Tarr came in 36th place, but did not advance to the State meet.

"I was nervous at semi state, mostly because I didn't have a team behind me. I was just by myself. When we run, we start together and finish together. When you get to a certain point, your teammates motivate and push you, but I was alone at semi state, so I just tried to run the best race that I could," Tarr said.

The team's season ended at regionals, and they all agree that they made it that far because of motivation from each other.

RIGHT, FROM TOP: With the finish line approaching at the Highland Invitational, Junior Britney Curry sticks to her strategy for winning. "My strategy is to keep pushing myself to get to the finish line," Curry said. The team as a whole placed well at the Highland Invitational finishing in sixth place.

Racing through the raindrops at Lake Central, Sophomore Ashley Hite, Freshman Natalie Vartanoff, Juniors Britney Curry and Jessica Boursier and Freshman Pauline Laorden sprint for the finish line. "It was lightening and thundering. I just hated it," Vartanoff said. The race was ended early and rescheduled for later that day due to the rain. Merrillville did not place at the meet.

"When I run solo, I concentrate on my breathing and my strides. I try to keep my strides open and pass the person in front of me," Sophomore runner Ashley Hite said. Hite runs solo at the Highland Invitational where Merrillville placed sixth.

"It is so hard to run on pavement with spikes on. We ran for about a mile in the spikes. It helps you on the grass, but is terrible on the pavement," Freshman Pauline Laorden said. The Merrillville runners prevailed over the pavement at the Highland Invitational.



FAST AS LIGHTNING

Filled with smiles, Sophomore Kate Tarr, Freshman Pauline Laorden, Juniors Chantrice Cade and Jessica Boursier, Senior Maritsa Escalante and Freshman Natalie Vartanoff start the race on a good foot. "I am always thinking positive, motivational thoughts when I am running- like don't slow down," Cade said.



Determined to get ahead, Sophomore Kate Tarr and Senior Maritsa Escalante are focused on the goal. "When I start a race, I am most focused on getting a good position. Getting a good position in a race is important to the outcome. If you are too far back, it is too difficult to get back to the front," Tarr said. Tarr had a good position throughout this entire season as she made it to semistate.



Senior Maritsa Escalante leaves her team with some advice and words of encouragement. "Always be positive, never give up and push your self to your limit," Escalante said.



With her feet hitting the pavement, Sophomore Kate Tarr thinks about catching the person in front of her. "In a race, the more people I catch, the better I score," Tarr said. Tarr took that strategy and ran with it as she competed at the New Prairie Semi State and placed 36th.

Opponent	W/L	Score
Gavit Invite		5th of 10
Tri-meet		
Michigan City	L	24-33
Valparaiso	L	15-48
T.F. South		8th of 13
Crown Pint	L	24-33
Rensselaer Invite		5th of 8
Tri-meet		
LaPorte	L	27-30
Lake Central	L	16-45
New Prairie Invite		29th of 31
Tri-meet		
Portage	L	15-47
Chesterton	L	16-45
Highland Invite		6th of 18
DAC		8th of 18
SECTIONAL		4th
REGIONAL		7th





Number one doubles player Senior Ashish Arshanapalli smashes the ball across the net as Junior Wyatt Perkins watches. "I think about where I want to hit the shot. I also think ahead, like what I'm going to do after the shot," he says. Arshanapalli has been playing tennis for six years.

LEFT, FROM TOP: As he watches the ball, Senior Stoten Stofko hits it across the court for a winner. "I feel my backhand is stronger than my forehand, which is quite unusual," he said. Throughout the match, Stofko chooses to look at the positive. "I try to think about my strengths," says Stofko.

Confident in his ability, Senior Patrick Laorden serves to his opponent. "I feel that my serve is the strongest part of my game," Laorden said. He switched between playing number one doubles and number three singles throughout the year. He finished 10 - 7 on the season, and was the only team member to win in the regional.

"It was a lot of fun," Senior Dennis Barsich said of the time spent with his teammates. Playing number two doubles most of the year, Barsich said he felt the season was an overall success. "There was a lot of position switching this season," Barsich said. "It made it a little hard to adjust all the time. But I think Coach Simon did a pretty good job of keeping us focused."

Returning a volley, Sophomore Nathaniel Ortega makes the shot. Ortega started the year on junior varsity and made a part-time jump to varsity half way through the season. He played number three singles for some time. "I really enjoyed the time I had on varsity," Ortega said, "I'm really looking forward to next year."

RACKIN' UP

To win the point, Sophomore Nathaniel Ortega strides to return a volley. "Nate really improved over the season. Everyone could see it," Senior number two singles player Ashish Arshanapalli said. With two years of high school left, Ortega said he plans on improving his game to eventually compete with the best in the state. "I want to make it all the way to state some day," Ortega said.



In his first varsity season, Senior Dennis Barsich serves to his opponents as his partner, Sophomore Kenneth Albee watches for his opponent's reactions. "DJ was really a fun guy to play with," Albee said, "although sometimes he got a little too into it." Albee said he is looking forward to next season. "I feel like I'll be a lot stronger, and more ready for the competition," he said.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Highland	L	2-3
Portage	W	5-0
Michigan City	L	2-3
Chasterton	L	2-3
Lake Central	L	2-3
Valparaiso	L	0-5
Crown Point	L	1-4
Hobart	W	4-1
LaPorte	L	1-4
Lowell	L	2-3
Munster	L	0-5
SECTIONALS		
Hobart	W	4-1
REGIONALS		
Valparaiso	L	1-4



Front row: Mohammad Najeb Arifee, Carlos Campos, Ashish Arshanapalli, Kyle Papp, Mark Bobowsky, Scott Lucas, Nathaniel Ortega; Second Row: Stephen Carniello, Patrick Laorden, Kenneth Albee, Colin Burke, Amir Arshami, Mark Bruckner; Back Row: Coach James Simon, Stoten Stofko, Christopher Burke, Dennis Barsich, Nolan Mayersky, Wyatt Perkins, Coach Eric Price

With a new coach and a new team, the boys' Tennis Team strived for success during their season. Coach James Simon had a different way of coaching than the previous coach.

"He focused more on conditioning than the coach last year," Senior Ashish Arshanapalli said.

"He is more strict on the physical aspect, trying to make us last longer," Senior Patrick Laorden said.

Despite their hard work and practice, the team did not do as well as they had hoped.

"It was a tough season. We didn't do as well as we thought we would," Arshanapalli said.

"Everyone finished out strong in regionals and the team overall improved in the end," Laorden said.

The majority of the team improved, but there was one player who stood out. "Stoten Stofko was the MVP of the team. He placed fourth in the conference," Coach Simon said.

Coach Simon has a few ideas to improve the team for next year.

"I'll focus on certain weaknesses,

create match conditions in practice, and do more video work," Coach Simon said.

"I'm excited to see how the team will improve for next year," Junior Wyatt Perkins said.

Along with the stresses of coaching a new team, Coach Simon had other obstacles to overcome.

"I'm currently in college to earn my master's in special education. I also teach for the special education program as well as the freshman academy," Coach Simon said.

"The team played their hardest and Coach Simon was always to encourage us to keep going and push forward," Arshanapalli said.

The team played well with a strong sectional win against Hobart with a score of 4-1. They ended the season with a loss to Valparaiso in regionals with a score of 1-4. Despite a season of ups and downs, those players who will be returning next year have high expectations.

"I'll be one of the few seniors next year, but I have high hopes," Perkins said.





ABOVE, FROM LEFT: While hitting the ball, Sophomore Erin Marek watches her ball soar over the fairway. "Most girls around the conference have been playing golf since they were toddlers, but we just started to really learn the game," Marek said. The Pirates went on to lose their match, but increased their knowledge of the game.

With her eyes on the fairway, Freshman Alexis Connelly follows through with her stroke. "Being a freshman on the team is a good experience, and the older players always try to help us improve our game," Connelly said.

As she puts the ball in the hole, Junior Jessica Myren concentrates intently. Myren said, "I usually just try to focus my attention really hard, and block out any other distractions." Merrillville went on to lose the match.

Smashing the ball in the back nine, Erin Marek sends the ball into the air, and watches her shot fall. After completing the shot, Erin goes on to retrieve her ball and set up for another shot.



"I've never really played the back nine at Turkey Creek, so playing there was a new experience," Junior Jessica Myren said after chipping a ball toward the hole. Fellow golfer Freshman Alexis Connelly observes Myren's shot.



"When I'm teeing off, I just concentrate and focus entirely on golf," Junior Jessica Myren said as she plays nine holes at Turkey Creek Golf Course. The Pirates went on to lose the match.

Opponent	W/L	Score
KV Invite		
Boone Grove	L	251-289
Andean	L	268-289
DAC Invite		8th
Bishop Noll	L	254-271
Tri Meet		
Lowell	L	253-294
North Newton	L	251-294
Crown Point	L	198-288
Munster	L	197-278
Valparaiso	L	163-282
Hobart	L	203-246
Lake Central	L	177-255
Portage	L	229-283
LaPorte	L	238-282
Andean	L	268-289
Chesterton	L	187-274
SECTIONALS		8th Place

With only two upperclassmen returning to the team and a new head coach, the girls' Golf Team had a lot of adjusting to do.

The team welcomed three freshmen. Between the new head coach and the new additions to the team, they had to come together and feel their way through the season.

With no experienced team members other than Sophomore Erin Marek and Junior Jessica Myren, the team finished with a 0-14 record.

"The outcome of the team record this season would have been better, but the team was very inexperienced this year," Myren said.

"There were a couple of games we could have won, but we just couldn't pull them out at the end," Coach Dave Hinkel said.

With such a young team, the golfers have an optimistic attitude toward the future.

"With this year's team being mostly freshman we can only build from here," Marek said.

Even though the team had a lower than expected record, it had many highlights to remember the season by.

"My favorite moment of the season was watching Jessica Myren hit a bird," Freshman Alexis Connelly said.

"My favorite part was watching the girls improve over the season working toward next year's success," Hinkel said.

Next year, the team will be returning most of its golfers.

"With my first year complete, I now know what to expect and what I have to do to get better for next year," Freshman Sarah Martin said.

"The goal for me next year is simple: to get better and win," Connelly said.

The girls' Golf Team learned a lot through the rough season.

"I learned a lot about emotion and how to cry. This year was a good experience," Hinkel said.

TEENING UP



First Row: Angelica Hernandez, Alexis Connelly, Jessica Myren, Erin Marek, Sarah Martin



READY, SET, DIVE



Placing third in the 100 freestyle, Junior Joshua Crayne got his lowest time under 1:00. "I was really tired and just wanted to finish the race for my team," Crayne said. The meet was home against Michigan City, with Merrillville losing 112-73.



A time of 1:56 is all it takes for Senior Stoten Stofko to finish his race in the 200 Freestyle. "I was really pumped and excited for the meet," Stofko said. Stofko placed third in the meet against Michigan City.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Portage	L	114-69
Rensselaer Central	L	104-76
Lake Central	L	138-48
Highland	L	104-76
Hobart	W	98-69
Crown Point	L	122-69
Griffith	W	98-66
Wheeler	W	106-74
Lowell	W	103-78
Valparaiso	L	95-91
Kankakee Valley	W	107-79
Michigan City	L	112-75
LaPorte	L	115-97
Munster	L	97-76
Chesterton	L	101-74
DAC		6th of 8
Sectionals		5th of 11

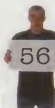
"I finally started getting good at the end of the season. I tried to stay calm and focused while doing my back dive," Sophomore Daniel Rios said. Rios placed last against Michigan City at the Jan. 9 meet.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: First year freshman swimmer, Lawrence Scroggins enjoys swimming and said, "It's a lot of hard work and dedication." Scroggins swam the freestyle in the meet against Michigan City.

Mainly focusing on his dive, Junior Ryan Halbe places second in the diving segment of the meet. "I was thinking, 'Stand up, chase my legs, kick out strong,' and I always think of that when I dive," Halbe said. Halbe's biggest competition this year was his teammate Benjamin Kepchar.

"While I was swimming I was trying to stay in the zone," Junior Daniel Jutkus said. Jutkus placed first in the butterfly stroke and finished with the time of 1:03 against Michigan City.

In the 500 freestyle race, Freshman Colin Burke completed the race in 5:48. "I was tired and thirsty while I was swimming," Burke said. Burke placed fourth in the meet against Michigan City.





Bleachers filled to capacity with fans screaming encouragement usually characterize the atmosphere of a high school sporting event, but the pool area is most often draped in silence with random spurts of inspirational cheers from Coach Matt Pavlovich and the parents of the competing athletes.

With the steady improvement of the Swim Team over the past two years, one would believe that support for the team would do the same.

"We're getting much better, and you would think that recognition would coincide with our improvement," Senior Captain Stoten Stofko said.

Being a part of the Swim Team requires time, effort and unmatched dedication that the general population is not aware of.

"I wish people would just come to see the result of all our hard work and devotion. We've broken the misconception that we're terrible, and we've developed into a great team," Sophomore Ryan Marsh said.

The team did not become better overnight, but has developed into a better team year after year, due to their commitment and effort.

At sectionals, Stofko said, the team did better than they expected.

"We had more in the top 6 and top 12 than our goal was at the beginning of the year," he said.

Stofko injured his back two days before the competition and was unable to compete.

"Even with my injury and being unable to swim, the team still met its goal."

"We're trying to improve constantly. We want more. I wouldn't say that we're rebuilding, but building on our foundation with consistency and hard work," Coach Pavlovich said.

Even though swimming takes up a major portion of the participants' lives, they believe that the effort is worth the reward.

Each day of the swimmer's life is characterized by hours in the pool before the sun rises and more practice after a seven-hour school day.

"The effort I put into swimming is definitely worth the reward," Senior Jacob George said.

"Swimming is my life," George said. "The two-a-day practices and hard work are affirmed at every meet I swim in."



Front Row: Colin Burke, Ryan Haibe, Daniel Rios, Brian Casady, Joseph Husek; Second Row: Daniel Jutkus, Joshua Hiquet, Stoten Stofko, Jacob George, Jonathan Cowley, Joshua Crayne; Third Row: Mgr. Jamie Seib, Jacob Pavel, Julius Scroggins, Ryan Marsh, Nicholas Wolak, Juan Rivera, Mgr. Alyssa Shirk; Back Row: Coach Ladd Dowham, Coach Bob Campbell, Coach Matt Pavlovich, Coach Cassandra Pavlovich.

SPLASH AWAY



As teammates watch nearby, Freshman Pauline Laorden executes a dive. "I loved getting good scores for dives that I usually did bad at," Laorden said. Laorden plans to swim instead of dive next year for the team.

FROM TOP: "The hardest stroke to swim is the butterfly. Everyone dreads swimming it," Sophomore Kayla Meloy said. Meloy swam butterfly at home against Crown Point and finished third. The team lost to Crown Point 113-75.

Members of the Girls' Swim Team cheer to encourage fellow teammates to finish strong. The team sent the 400 relay team for the second year in a row and the 200 medley team to compete in the state tournament. "It was a good year. We had a lot of girls step up and be leaders," Junior Kristina McPherson said.

"I was really scared swimming backstroke because I usually just swim breaststroke," Junior Megan Gunn said. In her first year swimming, Gunn swam 100 breaststroke and the 50 breaststroke in the 200 medley relay.

Thrusting her arm in the water, Senior Terri Halbe swims the 50 freestyle. "To prepare for a meet, I always listen to the same CD," Halbe said. "It helps me to get focused." Halbe has been swimming for three years and plans to continue swimming in college.



The season went really well over all. Everyone really improved on their times," Sophomore Kelsey Barrick said. Barrick swam the 200 and 500 freestyle and 200 and 400 relays. Barrick said the worst part of the season was losing a couple tough meets where the team only lost by a few points.



Front Row: Manager Alyssa Shirk, Ashley Negrelli, Vanessa Alexander, Terri Halbe, Kirsten Koharchik, Andrea Paulnitz, Manager Jamie Sieb, Alyssa Cast, Angela Cast, Megan Gunn, Alexandria Allen, Amanda Gonzales, Monique Rojas, Back Row: Coach Bob Campbell, Coach Cassandra Pavlovich, Whitney Williams, Michelle Ross, Averil Butts, Kayla Meloy, Karen Balko, Kendall Sharp, Katlynn Sterkowitz, Sarah Yacko, Kelsey Barrick, Katie Balko, Julie Hays, Kristina McPherson, Marisa Escalante, Coach Ladd Dowham, Coach Matt Pavlovich

With practice six days a week, the team's goal was to improve their performance in the pool.

"Practices were as hard as last year," Junior Karen Balko said.

"The only difference was the team was closer this year."

Improvement did come at a price though. The girls had to wake up early in the morning, because they had practice at 6 a.m.

Their weekly schedule for morning practices consisted of two days of weight lifting and two days of sprints, and in the afternoon, training in the pool.

"The practices were consistent," Coach Matt Pavlovich said.

These practices helped them to accomplish some of their goals, which were to beat Michigan City and LaPorte at DAC and sectionals and qualify for the 200-relay and the 400-free relay.

Although team improvement was the key reason for their accomplishments, other factors contributed, such as the way they prepared for each meet.

"The team prepared for meets by getting a pep talk from Coach Pavlovich," Junior Sarah Yacko said.

Individually, team members said they prepared for meets in different ways.

Balko said she prepared by focusing and visualizing the race.

"Visualizing allowed us to relax and concentrate all of our energy on our races. This way, when it came time to race, we were not nervous and were ready to race," Balko said.

Yacko said she prepares for meets by listening to music and focusing and visualizing the race.

Team members mentioned people who played an important role in their success.

"Michelle Ross was a leader because she helped to get the team going," Yacko said.

One of the highlights of the season occurred when Yacko beat the 500-freestyle record at sectionals, swimming in 24:94, shaving four hundredths of a second off the record of 24:98.

Yacko became ill during the state tournament and was unable to compete.

"I tried as hard as I could, and I am extremely proud of our team and our performance at state" Yacko said.

Two relay teams advanced to state. The 200 medley relay team of Senior Angela Cast, Karen Balko, Junior Katie Balko and Sarah Yacko placed 28th. The 400 free relay of Katie Balko, Junior Kendall Sharp, Karen Balko and Sophomore Kelsey Barrick placed 30th.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Lowell	L	95-91
Chesterton	L	134-45
Portage	L	109-90
Rensselaer Central	W	110-73
Lake Central	L	126-60
Highland	L	95-91
Hobart	W	128-48
Crown Point	L	113-75
Griffith	W	127-60
Wheeler	W	111-72
Valparaiso	L	115-70
Kankakee Valley	W	117-68
Michigan City	W	107-75
DAC		6th of 8
LaPorte	L	97-88
Munster	L	129-56
Sectionals		5th of 10



With her arm in mid-stroke, Senior Andrea Paulnitz swam the 500 freestyle. Since she was 9 years old, Paulnitz has swum competitively. "My favorite thing about swimming is being with my teammates," Paulnitz said.



Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Michigan City	W	105-95-103
Hobart/Lowell	W	110-25
Lake Central	W	108-95
Ft. Wayne Concordia		6th of 10
LaPorte	W	108-103
Pirate Pride Invitational		2nd of 6
Lowell	W	105-103
Portage	W	107-105
Chesterton	L	110-104
Crown Point	L	108-104
Valparaiso	L	110-104
DAC		4th of 8



On her favorite event, Senior Maunya Jacobs attempts a front giant. After tearing her ACL at the Fort Wayne meet, Jacobs was forced to sit out until sectionals.



Increasing the difficulty level of all her routines this year, Junior Courtney Deming performs a wolf jump high above the beam. Deming received a first place for her efforts.



"Diona displays grace and confidence during her floor routine," Coach Diane Roberts said. Although her favorite events are vault and beam, Freshman Diona Milenkovski's floor routine earned her the opportunity to perform in regionals.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP RIGHT: On the uneven bars, Junior Hannah Watkins performs an underswing to an uprise. Watkins' favorite and strongest event is the uneven bars. "Hannah anchored the uneven bar team this year, an honor she worked very hard to accomplish," Coach Diane Roberts said. To perform a front handspring, Sophomore Arien Taylor poses on the balance beam. A two-year letter winner, Taylor also earned the Best Mental Attitude Award. "A tough mental attitude is needed to excel on four inches of balance beam," Coach Diane Roberts said.

To perform a back tuck off the table, known as a Tsukahara vault, Junior Samone Kinsey must complete a half twist onto the vaulting table. Not only did Kinsey perform on vault, but also on balance beam and floor. Finishing her uneven bar routine, Sophomore Danielle Bly acknowledges the judge, a requirement in gymnastics. Despite her young age, Bly was named Most Valuable Player.

A BALANCING ACT



Front Row: Tiffany Leicht, Diona Milenkovski, Danielle Bly, Second Row: Samone Kinsey, Theresa Yugo, Courtney Doming, Hannah Watkins; Back Row: Anen Taylor, Coach Diane Roberts, Maunya Jacobs, Taryn Woods, Coach Nick Roberts

Gymnasts compete in four events during a meet: vault, bars, beam and floor. The team consists of two freshmen, four sophomores, three juniors and one senior.

This season the senior team captain suffered from a torn ACL in her right leg during the Fort Wayne meet at the beginning of the season.

"Since my injury, my teammates had to step up their game since I couldn't compete. I was worried that I wouldn't be able to compete this season, but we'll just have to see what happens and if I heal all right," Senior Maunya Jacobs said.

"I was so upset when Maunya got hurt. We were always shoulder to shoulder with everything," Junior teammate Samone Kinsey said.

Even though Jacobs' injury affected the team, they still fought to the end of the season with a record of 6-3. Despite all the downfalls in the season, the girls still had good memories.

"My favorite memory during the season was all the bus rides to the meets and just having fun with all my

teammates," Junior Hannah Watkins said.

Both Kinsey and Jacobs agreed, "Our favorite memory in the season was probably when we scored a 110.25 against the combined meet with Hobart and Lowell."

Practicing everyday from 3 to 6 p.m., the girls tried to improve on their skills for their next events in the upcoming meets. For the gymnasts, practice consisted of workouts, jogging, practicing their events and doing lines, which are warm-ups for their events.

This year at sectionals, the girls placed fifth out of 10 teams on March 3 at Chesterton High School. Only one girl, Freshman Diona Milenkovski, advanced to regionals with her floor event this year.

"I'm really proud of my freshman girl, Diona, for making it to regionals for her floor event. Everyone worked really hard this season and I think they enjoyed themselves very much," Coach Diane Roberts said. "They all worked together as part of a team and just stuck it out when the things got rough."



BUILDING SPIRIT



At the Andean boys' basketball game Sophomore Katherine Sadural and Freshman Melissa Kwiatkoski hit liberties. Sadural said, "Heel stretches require a lot of balance and stretching prior to going in the air." The three fliers on the Purple Varsity squad do special stretches every practice in order to perfect their stunts. "I get really nervous before I do a liberty because the bases are only holding one of my feet, but once I'm in the air," Kwiatkoski said, "I lose all of my nerves."

RIGHT, FROM TOP: During football season, Freshmen Lisa Pozniak and Melissa Kwiatkoski fly in an extension and thigh stand. Sophomore Kendall Bonick, a base for the extension, said, "Cheerleading is more than just teamwork. It's dedication to your stunt groups and other teammates which cause you to make friends that last for a long time." At cheerleading camp that the squad attended in the summer, the cheerleaders did different activities to help them bond as a team and learn about each other.

Extensions are a basic component of cheerleading squads but also require concentration and effort. Freshman Lisa Pozniak said, "Even though I have gotten used to the feeling of flying in an extension, I still make sure I focus on executing my part in the stunt."

Football season is a time when the cheerleaders never know if they will be able to stunt because of possible hazardous weather conditions. "Whenever it is raining too hard or too wet outside, we are not able to stunt because we might slip and fall in the air," Sophomore Katherine Sadural said. "Towards the end of the season, we couldn't even wear our normal cheerleading uniforms because it was too cold outside."

While flying in a double base and extension, Freshmen Catherine Gamino and Danniella Gregolline cheer for the White Varsity Cheerleading Squad. The squad consisted of freshman and sophomore cheerleaders who worked together to build new stunts. "Stunting is one of my favorite parts of cheerleading. After trying so many times, it feels great when the stunt finally sticks," Gamino said.



Story: M. Darang Captions: M. Govert Maestro: M. Govert Photos: Giff

As Freshmen Unique Jeter, Blair McDaniel and Diva Lowe yell the chant "We got spirit," the crowd watches the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team valparaiso. "Cheering is fun and teaches us different skills, such as discipline, determination and school spirit," McDaniel said.



While the cheerleaders of the Purple Varsity Squad do their windmill partner stunt, the crowd watches. "The windmill is my favorite stunt because the crowd claps for us afterward," Freshman Mitchell Sobczak said. "Also, everyone at school thinks the stunt is really hard and takes a lot of muscle to

hold their megaphones high, the male cheerleaders on the Purple Varsity Squad join in on a sideline chant. Senior Joshua Spence, Juniors Markeith Bray and Lorne Britt and Freshman Mitchell Sobczak said in unison, "It's hard to get the crowd motivated, most of the time we are basically yelling at the crowd to cheer along with us."



"Cheerleading was one of the most fun experiences of my high school career," Senior Melissa Darang said. "I especially loved cheering at football games because the student population is always spirited. Nothing is better than chanting and hearing people yell with you." Darang and Senior Madeline Govert were the only 2 seniors on the team of 15.

With eight seniors graduating last year, the Varsity Cheerleading Squad is made up of young members led by two seniors.

"Our squad this year is new and inexperienced but full of potential, and they truly enjoy cheerleading," Coach Lori Govert said.

The squad has been practicing since April to work toward a successful season.

"A younger squad gives us a bigger challenge but more opportunity to grow," Junior Lorne Britt said.

At their summer camp, they were able to win many awards. The team worked together to walk away with "Top Team" and "Champion Chant." Many individuals were rewarded for their accomplishments. Senior Captain Madeline Govert competed against other captains and received the leadership award voted on by the National Cheerleading Association (NCA) staff. Five teammates were selected to be on the All-American National Cheerleading Association Team with Senior Melissa Darang winning "Top All-American." Govert and Darang were also invited to join the NCA staff.

After camp, the girls and boys worked hard to prepare for football season.

"I work harder on the things I know I need to perfect," Sophomore Ashley Carrero stated.

For many of the cheerleaders, it was their first time ever cheering in front of a very large crowd.

"There is a lot of pressure to do well, but it is definitely a lot of fun," Freshman Melissa Kwiatkoski said.

As football season came to an end, the coaches decided to hold an open try-out, which is the first one they have ever held between seasons, to fill in open spots on both the White Varsity and Purple Varsity squads.

"It was important for the future of the cheerleading program to give kids the opportunity to cheer and get experience to help us out in the next year," Coach Govert stated.

"It was not hard to add new people to our squad because they caught on easily," Junior Markeith Bray said.

With basketball season beginning, the cheerleaders immediately put together their routines.

"I really like basketball season because it is a lot warmer inside, and the dances and stunting we get to do are a lot more fun," Carrero stated.

So far, the team thinks they have done pretty well.

"I would say our season has been as good as we could have wanted," Kwiatkoski said.



Stunts performed by Freshman Lisa Pozniak and Sophomore Katherine Sadural allow the cheerleading team to work together and make an entertaining dance. "One of the most known facts of cheerleading is being spirited," Pozniak said, "I always make sure to find my mom in the crowd while I'm stunting and make sure that I smile all of the time."

TAKE IT TO THE HOOP



"We started off the season a lot slower than initially thought, but we finished strong the way that we like to," Assistant Head Coach Ms. Lori Dust said.

The Boys' Basketball Team started off the season plagued by close losses and a lack of a leadership.

"Our team suffered from the absence of a prominent leader, and it showed in the close games that we lost," Sophomore Ryan Smith said. As the season continued an unexpected leader emerged, Junior Anthony Patton, and an increased number of wins also accompanied the development of his leadership role. "We were really searching for a player that could be a role-model for the other players in the way he composed himself on the court and Bo [Anthony] stepped up to the plate," Coach Dust said.

Even though Patton is only a Junior, he utilized his knowledge of the game to assist the older and younger players in the development of their game. He contributed his time and effort to make the players play as a team.

"I felt like I had to step my game up and be a leader, even though I'm only a Junior," Patton said. "I tried to help any way possible."

The team also suffered from a lack of experience with four sophomores playing on the Varsity team.

"A lot was different this year," Senior Josh White said. "The lack of experience that some of

our players had affected the way in which we played."

Senior Kyle Bonick's vocal leadership helped the sophomore players transition to the varsity style of play.

"I told them that it was imperative that they stepped up their game, because the way in which they play contributes a great deal to whether we win or lose a game," Bonick said.

Despite the team's youth, lack of experience and the loss of three key players later in the season, Senior Andrew Anderson, Senior Issac White and Junior Mario Stapleton, the Pirates finished the season with a winning record and a dramatic road to the Sectional Championship.

"At the Sectional Semi-Final, we upset Chesterton with an amazing half court desperation shot," Head Coach Jim East said. "In my 45 years of coaching, I've never coached a game with such a dramatic ending."

Patton once again displayed his leadership by gathering himself after forcing the turnover to make the last minute shot.

"I'm very proud that Bo had the courage to take the last second shot to make amends for his turnover from the previous play," Coach East said.

When we made it to the last round of sectionals, it made it feel like all our hardships and work amounted to something great," Anderson said. "I'm really proud of the way we played and how much we have progressed."



In the first round of sectionals against Portage, Sophomore Marquise Greene (50) shoots a lay-up. "The year got off to a rough start. We were losing a lot of games," Greene said. "By the end of the year, especially in the last three games, we were finally playing to our potential."

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Munster	L	50-48
Chesterton	L	65-61
LaPorte	W	59-46
Andean	W	62-41
Michigan City	L	49-47
Lake Central	L	49-40
Valparaiso	L	46-39
Crown Point	L	68-63
Portage	W	73-45
Highland	W	66-41
LaPorte	W	55-43
Lake Central	W	38-36
Michigan City	L	66-58
Crown Point	L	60-42
Lebanon	W	52-44
Chesterton	L	55-44
Valparaiso	L	40-28
Hobart	W	55-31
Calumet	W	59-48
Portage	W	63-54
SECTIONALS		
Portage	W	66-54
Chesterton	W	57-55
Valparaiso	L	45-27

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM LEFT: As the basketball bounced off the rim, Sophomore Jonathan Nwannunu (44) tips the ball back in for two points. "The best part about the year was winning the Battle of Broadway," Nwannunu said. The Battle of Broadway is the game between MHS and Andean High School. The Pirates won the game 62-41.

Penetrating the zone to find an open spot, Senior Andrew Anderson (30) dribbles down the court. Anderson was a captain for the varsity team this year. "We had an up and down season, but we finished well," Anderson said.

Ball in hand, Sophomore Ryan Smith (52) puts in a lay-up. Smith was the starting center on the varsity team this year. Smith plans to continue playing basketball through high school and in college.

With arm stretched high, Senior Captain Joshua White (32) gets an offensive rebound. The Pirates beat Lake Central 49-40. "We had a lot of ups and downs, but we came out with a winning record," White said.



Front Row: Joseph White, Isaac White, Aries Stephenson, Mario Stapleton, Anthony Patton; Second Row: Joshua White, Marquise Greene, Andrew Anderson, Anthony Lowe; Back Row: Pastor Timothy Prowse, Coach Leo Bonin, Kyle Bonick, Jonathan Nwannunu, Ryan Smith, Coach Lori Dust, Coach Jim East



As Portage defenders are nearby, Senior Captain Kyle Bonick (54) shoots for two points. "The reason why we did so well at the end of the season was because we finally had players who stepped up as leaders, both in games and in practice," Bonick said. The Pirates beat Portage 66-54.



Members of the varsity team take a break during a 30-second timeout in the first round of sectionals. "We played a good game. We played hard from buzzer to buzzer," Sophomore Dolapo Macarthy (42) said.



"I could barely see because I was crying so hard," Junior Co-Captain Anthony Patton (10) said. "I just threw up the shot from half-court at the buzzer and it somehow went in." The Pirates were down 55-54 against Chesterton in the second round of sectionals before Patton shot the half-court three-pointer to beat Chesterton 55-57.

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Before the game, the team huddles together with the coaches. "We talk about what we need to get done in order to win," Junior Damita Thomas said. Playing a tough game against LaPorte Slicers, the Pirates were down three points at the end of the fourth quarter. The final score was 58-55 LaPorte.



"The game was not going good. I was very frustrated," Junior Britney Cruse said. Cruse was playing in the tenth game of the season at Lake Central. After tearing her ACL in her left knee, Cruse suffered mentally in the beginning of the season. Merrillville lost the game by nine points with a score 69-58.



Starting point guard, Senior Latoya Noble jumps for a lay up to score her team two points against Lake Central. "It was a frustrating game because no one was doing what needed to be done," Noble said. Although they struggled in the beginning, the team came out victorious in the end, with the final score of 58-46.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: "It's hard to have time to do other things, but if you really want to do something you will find time," Junior Despina Lozevski said. As Lozevski was going for the ball against one of LaPorte's players, Christina Lobodinski and Latoya Noble were watching. "Even though we lost 55-58, 'I did all I could do to help the team win' Lozevski said.

Going for her lay up shot, Senior Christina Lobodinski makes the shot adding to the score board. Junior Britney Cruse stands by anxiously awaiting the shot. Merrillville won the game with a score of 31-27 against Valparaiso.

Struggling to try and keep the ball away from the opposing team, Senior Jamesha Harris helps her team get the ball. "It was really hard to keep the ball, with two of the opponents on me," Harris said.

"My main focus was making my way to the basket," Sophomore Tiearra Turner said. With the opposing player catching up, Turner had to run faster to make it to the hoop. Turner led her team to a victory, with a score of 81-57.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Highland	L	52-50
Andean	W	70-68
Valparaiso	W	31-27
E.C. Central	W	68-32
Portage	W	57-47
Chesterton	W	57-46
LaPorte	L	55-58
Michigan City	L	60-75
Lake Central	L	58-69
Munster	W	62-45
Crown Point	W	60-38
Valparaiso	W	81-57
Portage	W	72-61
Lowell	W	70-16
LaPorte	W	58-54
Hobart	W	59-40
Lake Central	W	59-46
Chesterton	W	48-24
Michigan City	L	62-53
Crown Point	W	57-46
Sectional	-	-
Chesterton	W	77-46
Portage	L	59-53



Front Row: Latoya Noble, Jamesha Harris, Takesha Dockery, Britney Cruse; Second Row: Despina Loezevski, Briana Davis, Damita Thomas, Jade Dixon; Back Row: Coach Amy Govert, Coach Marc Bruner, Tiara Turner, Christina Lobodinski, Britney Curry, Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Coach Stephanie Nelson

The girls started preparing for this season a year ago, the day after sectionals was over last year, practicing at least twice a week all summer.

This season was filled with big expectations. The team had created goals such as winning sectionals and beating the teams they lost to last year.

"Everyone just had to work real hard and stay focused to reach those goals," Senior Christina Lobodinski said.

Junior Britney Curry reached the goals she had set for herself at the beginning of the season, which were to average more points and come out to lead her teammates. To accomplish these goals, she lifted weights more, shot more baskets and played whenever she got the chance.

"We're all small," Lobodinski said, "and everybody underestimated us. We showed them we can still come out on top."

Curry agreed that having no post players was one of the hardest things to

deal with this season.

"We were really fast," Curry said. "Actually, we were faster than everybody."

Even with fulfilling goals and lots of practice, some of the members thought things could have gone smoother.

"I think people could have changed their attitudes," Sophomore Jade Dixon said. "We would have done better if people thought as a team, not just individually."

"It was really hard having to come back with a win right after taking a loss," Dixon said.

Members of the team said they had a close relationship.

"We would hang out everyday after practice and go out to eat every weekend," Dixon said. "We would go to 'BDubs' or Lobo's house."

"I wouldn't change a thing about the season," Lobodinski said. "I'll miss everybody when it ends."





Front Row: Jessica Pumnea, Carla Emmett, Gabriela Miller, Jasmine Woods, Marianthi Dallas; Second Row: Rhonda McGuire, Markella Papamihalakis, Stephanie Hart, Lorielle Johnson, Lisa Stemburg, Briana Lee; Back Row: Nadia Bradley, Mariah Dennis, Shiyaneva Wiley, Gabrielle Roberts

With pom pons in their hands and smiles on their faces, the Dance Team performs kick, jazz, and pom routines at home football and basketball games.

Along with performing at games, the team still makes time to compete at local competitions.

While few dancers are brand new, Sophomore Jasmine Woods, like others, has been competitively dancing for almost five years.

"I love competitions because we get to observe other teams and learn from their strengths and weaknesses," Woods said.

The absence of the Junior Varsity squad is the newest change to the team.

"The turn-out for tryouts was less than expected. We had a hard time filling all the varsity positions let alone JV," Coach Melissa Volkman said.

The coaches chose several young dancers to help prepare to dance at the varsity level as soon as possible.

"It is both a blessing and a curse," Ms. Volkman said with reference to the team having many new members.

In order for a dance team to perform well as a whole, the team had to pull together.

"We did a good job of working as a team. We stayed focused and communicated well with each other," Freshman Naudia Bradley said.

Not only did the team bond at practice, they also scheduled get-togethers during the year.

"Some of the best memories were made at our holiday party over Christmas break. Our bonding activities are the reason why our team was so successful," Woods said.

At state, the team took first place in the Advanced Pom division.

"We worked hard and came to state with a good routine. We deserved it," Junior Marianthi Dalis, Varsity Assistant Captain, said.

Putting in at least eight hours of practice a week, the girls prepared for competitions by having dress rehearsals and critiquing one another.

"I am just satisfied that I found 15 girls that are as passionate about dance as I am," Coach Volkman said.



Shoulders down, facials, ab work, toes pointed and muscle memory are necessities to do a toe touch properly. Junior Gabriela Miller, Freshman Gabrielle Roberts and Sophomore Lorielle Johnson perform a toe touch. The dancers take advantage of performing at the midseason game against LaPorte to practice their routine and showmanship for their competition.



At the basketball game against LaPorte, Sophomore Rhonda McGuire, Junior Jessica Pumnea and Freshman Naudia Bradley all dance in sync with the rest of the team. The Dance Team worked on this competition routine for about 10 hours a week. "All it takes is practice and dedication from each one of us to get a perfect picture," McGuire said.

DANCING TO STATE



"Dancing is a form of art and a way I express myself. It takes hard work and discipline to master any dance," Junior Jessica Pumnea said. Pumnea, along with Sophomores Stephanie Hart and Rhonda McGuire perform their hip-hop routine for the judges at the Indiana High School Dance Team Association State Competition, earning eighth place.

LEFT, FROM TOP: "I am so excited at this point of the routine, and I am really working my facials," Junior Shiyaneva Wiley said. Dancing for five years gives Wiley the experience to correctly hit the high V position.

At the basketball game against LaPorte, Freshman Briana Lee and Junior Marianthi Dallas smile at the crowd and use their technique as the routine goes on. "Even though the routine is long and tiring I feel passionate about dance, and my dedication keeps me going," Wiley said.

During the acting part of the hip-hop routine, Sophomores Stephanie Hart and Lonielle Johnson perform the matrix move. Hart acted as if she had punched Johnson and Johnson floated in the air backwards in slow motion to do the matrix. "If you keep practicing, dance comes natural," Johnson said. "I am very passionate about dance. Even after seven years of dancing, I wouldn't want to do anything else," Hart said.

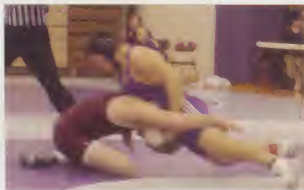
"I give every emotion I have and show passion for this routine," Freshman Briana Lee said. Lee danced with her team at Highland High School for the regional championship. "I hit positions so hard my body vibrates so that every move is clean and strong," Lee said. The team placed first at regionals and advanced to the state competition.



TIGHTER THAN THEIR SPANDEX

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
LaPorte Duals		
LaPorte	W	75-3
Hammond High	W	78-6
Elkhart Central	W	64-18
S.B. Clay	W	73-6
Culver	W	73-3
Valparaiso	W	60-15
Portage	W	53-14
Tom Cameron Invite		
Harrison	W	53-15
Northwood	W	60-8
Boone Grove	W	79-0
W. Lafayette	W	74-6
Chesterton	W	54-18
Crown Point	L	31-27
Oakville Duals		
Althoff	W	67-9
St. Genevieve	W	54-9
Farmington	W	49-23
Mt. Carmel	W	31-24
Hannibal	W	39-28
Michigan City	W	77-3
Lake Central	W	60-12
Rich East Rocket Invite		
Al Smith Invitational		2nd
DAC Tournament		1st
Sectionals		1st
Regionals		1st
Semi-State		1st
State		

Fighting out of down position, Senior Michael Gates starts to break free. "Last year I spent the whole year learning. This year I actually got to apply myself," Gates said. Wrestling at 140 pounds, Gates finished the season with a record of 15-8.



"Someone shoots, I sprawl. That's what I do," Junior Jake Salas said. Salas placed second at the Merrillville Semi-state and fifth at state.



In an attempt to score two, Senior Kyle Morris places his opponent in a front headlock. "Do the drills, get the blow of the whistle. It's my senior year. There were no other options. I was going to win. I was going to state," Wing said. Wing placed first at semi-state and went on to Consec Field House where he finished fourth at 171 pounds.

Concentrating on his maneuvers, Senior Bradley Kurczynski tries to free his leg. As one of the few three sport athletes, Bradley sets an example to many students. "Brad has a heart bigger than our campus. If every athlete had a heart like Brad's, we would win everything," Athletic Director Janis Qualizza said. "If we work hard, eventually things will come your way," Senior Wilson Williams said. "That was a rough match for me but overall I had a good season." Williams went on to place 5th in state and 7th in nationals.

In a scramble to get up, Senior Alex Ponce shoots his "outside fireman carry." "His best asset as a wrestler is his ability to scramble and keep wrestling," Coach David Maldonado said. "You gotta keep moving," Ponce added.

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With the record of 22-1, the Wrestling Team saw their two-a-day practices pay off.

"There is nothing really to complain about when you have that kind of a record," Coach David Maldonado said.

"I motivate myself to wrestle because I like to compete," Senior Kyle Morris said.

Each year the wrestlers work to improve their strength, discipline and technique in order to win both as a team and individually.

The team won the Calumet Sectional, the Highland Regional and the Valparaiso Semi-State.

In the individual tournament, 14 qualified for regionals, 11 qualified for the semi-state, and 5 advanced to state.

"To win is very exciting. Just knowing

that all that time and effort has paid off is great," Coach Maldonado said.

"I have been wrestling for seven years and I have been very successful for it being my junior year." Junior Jake Salas said.

"Right before I wrestle, in order for me to get pumped up, I listen to music and jump around," Sophomore Keon Jones said.

"When I lose I get angry because my team counts on me, but when I win I feel proud that I didn't let anyone down," Freshman Frankie Valdivia said.

"It's very hard to maintain my weight because I love to eat," Senior Alexander Ponce said, "and trust me, I can eat a lot of food."



"My strategy for the match was to not give up any easy points," Senior Jamal Lawrence said. Lawrence beat Nick Dewig at the state finals with a 3-2 victory. Lawrence went undefeated this year and plans to wrestle in college.



Front Row: Steven Condes, Managers Brandi Griffin, Brittany Mendoza, Samantha Serwacki, Rebecca Verduzco, Mallory Lancaster, Zachary Stevens; Second Row: Daniel Stoica, Anthony Naples, Carlo Martinez, Christopher Russell, William Costakis, Justin Chandler, Zachary Forsell, Wilson Williams, David Freeman; Third Row: Eduardo DeLuna, Breonn Glass, Andrew Kephar, James Allen, Darius Richmond, Kyle Yarnell, Rufus Barnett, Devin Parker, Xavier Ponce, Frankie Valdivia; Fourth Row: Alexander Ponce, Jarred Gordon, Jonathan Harmon, Benjamin Smithers, Darrien Johnson, Jamal Lawrence, Michael Gates, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Walter Barcenas, Keon Jones, Christopher Wilson, Coach David Maldonado, Coach Gene Bierman; Fifth Row: Coach Michael Lawrence, Coach Rob Petyko, Andrew Grzybowski, Kyle Morris, George Neely, Scottie Richardson, Joseph Wing, Terrence Gordon, Rommel Harris, Jeremy Wengel, Bradley Kurczynski, Dionte Day; Back Row: Quinn Roberts, Arturo Garcia, Nathan Hartford, Martin Flores, Corderro Pollard, Marcus Williams, Joshua Washington, John Jackson, Valanti Atsas.



LOVE MEANS NOTHING

In preparation to volley, Junior Ashley Contreras cross-steps and bends low to keep the ball in play. Along with her doubles partner, Sophomore Kelsey Barrick, Contreras prefers playing doubles because "when one girl is down, the other can bring her up."



Stretching for the ball, Junior Stephanie Zellers works to win the three singles position. Zellers has been playing tennis since she was six, when her parents got her involved in summer tennis camps. "I love playing tennis because I can take out aggression from life in a positive way," Zellers said.



Behind the baseline, Junior Stephanie Donohue finishes her backhand groundstroke to return the ball. Donohue prefers playing singles because she is the only person responsible for the outcome of her match. "I wouldn't want my good or bad days to affect my doubles partner's match," Donohue said. This is Donohue's eighth year playing tennis and third year on varsity.

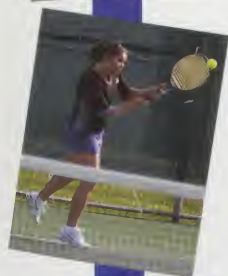
OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: Between serves, Senior co-captains Carla Emmett and Cassandra Adler discuss strategies to win. Adler and Emmett enjoyed playing doubles together because they balanced each other mentally and physically. "Carla keeps me from getting upset during a match," Adler said, "and I love knowing she's got my back if I can't get a ball."

"Tennis takes a lot of dedication and athleticism," Junior Kristen Hoyles said after her match against Crown Point. Inspired by her father, Hoyles began playing tennis when she was seven years old. Ten years later, she is glad she stuck with it. "Tennis has helped me with more than just athletics. The team is like a second family to me," Hoyles said.

Returning a serve from Crown Point, Sophomore Kelsey Barrick watches the ball as she swings. Barrick has played tennis for about ten years and has been on varsity for two years. Instead of tennis conditioning outside of the season, Barrick stayed in shape by being a member of the volleyball and swimming teams. "I just love sports in general," Barrick said.

With her eyes on the ball, Senior Carla Emmett uses a forehand groundstroke to block a serve from Crown Point. After playing tennis for 13 years, Emmett believes that it is more than just physical ability. "Tennis is really a mental game," Emmett said. "Not only do I love the individualism of the sport, but I've made a lot of good friends through it."

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Highland	L	4-1
Lowell	W	3-2
Hobart	W	3-2
Chesterton	L	4-1
Lake Central	W	5-0
Crown Point	L	4-1
MHS Invite		7th of 8
Michigan City	L	5-0
LaPorte	L	3-2
Valparaiso	L	5-0
Portage	L	3-2
SECTIONALS		
Andean	W	3-2
Hobart	W	3-2
REGIONALS		
Chesterton	L	5-0



Front Row: Amber Medwetz, Cassandra Adler, Carla Emmett, Ashley Contreras, Pauline Laorden, Ashley Cherry, Cara Zimmerman; Second Row: Jalyssa King, Jennifer Tucker, Stephanie Zellers, Allison Kish, Kelsey Barrick, Hannelore Reynolds, Jacque'se Waters; Back Row: Coach Kim Naspinski, Kristen Hoyles, Kayla Meloy, Michele Zerbe, Stephanie Donahue, Julie Hayes, Coach James Simon

"I have a great passion for this sport," Coach James Simon said. "It challenges me mentally and teaches me to practice patience."

Simon, a special education teacher, has been playing for 23 years and coaching for 15 years. This is Simon's first year coaching the girls' Tennis Team. He stated that his goals for the team are to win every match and improve players.

In order to prepare them for matches, Simon has the girls run laps around the courts, complete dynamic stretches and warm up with competitive tennis games. Physical preparation is only half the routine in getting ready.

"Mentally preparing myself for a match is very difficult, but I am learning to block out everything, focus on the game and stay positive," Junior Stephanie Donahue said.

The girls' Tennis Team has set their goals high by running one mile per day and doing tennis drills. The boys' Tennis Team also played a part by practicing with the girls on a number of occasions.

Donahue stated that unofficial team conditioning started at the beginning of January, but many had been conditioning individually throughout the off season.

"The team is doing very well as a whole," Donahue said. "We are working together and our chemistry works hand-in-hand with each other."

With a rocky start to the season, the girls would like to have a repeat of the 2006 season. Because the team lost four graduated seniors, the three returning upperclassmen have big shoes to fill.

"My major goal for this season is to win sectionals," Senior Cassandra Adler said. "I will try to remember everything I have learned these past four years of high school to execute my goal."

Coach Simon believes that this season went well with a Sectional victory and a tough Regional loss.

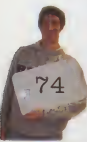
"Overall the team works really well together. They are an inspiration to me. They are why I continue to coach," Simon said.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Boone Grove	L	164-179
Roosevelt	W	172-227
Portage	L	157-161
Valparaiso	L	168-185
LaPorte	L	159-185
Wheeler	W	188-198
Lake Central	L	152-190
Rensselaer Central Invite		8th
Boone Grove Invite		4th
Michigan City	L	143-170
Crown Point	W	170-174
LaPorte	L	153-189
Crown Point	L	178-197
Michigan City	L	162-197
Crown Point	L	178-197
Kankakee Valley		11th out of 16th
SECTIONALS		5th of 12

As Coach Dave Hinkel gives encouragement, Freshman Francis Martisovic and Sophomore Matthew Neese listen for advice. "Coach Hinkel has done a lot to help me improve through the season by keeping my hopes up if I am doing real good or if I hit a bad shot," Martisovic said. Neese shot an 82 at sectionals and advanced to the regionals.



With his eyes on the hole, Freshman Francis Martisovic uses techniques his father taught him. "I can remember my dad started teaching me how to play golf in my backyard and it eventually grew onto something important in my life," Martisovic said.



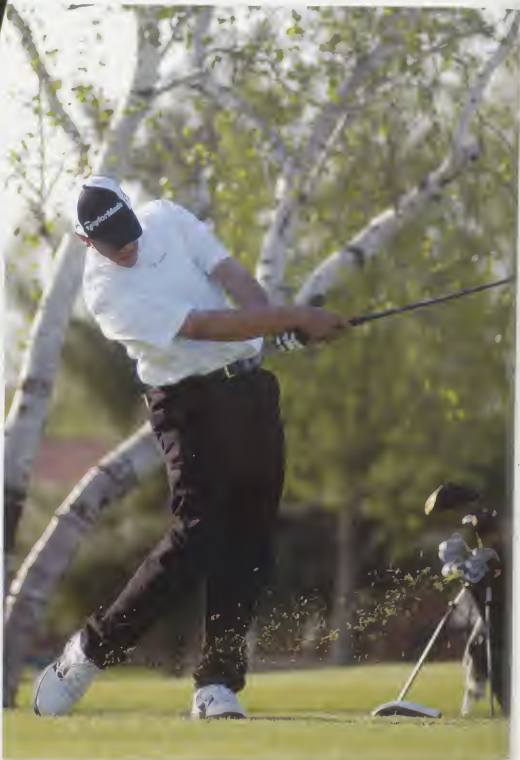
OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: With club in hand, Sophomore Matthew Neese chips the ball toward the hole. "I just love to play golf," Neese said.

Putting the ball, Freshman Rhoshawn Johnson focuses on his stroke. "As I mentally prepare myself for the put, I am focusing on how hard I hit the ball and following through on my stroke. I try not to hit it too hard or too soft and make my stroke clean," Johnson said.

"Before I tee off, I think that all I want to do is make a smooth and comfortable swing, get good contact on the ball and make sure the ball is in the fairway for a clean shot at the green," Senior Genesis Rodrigo said. He has been playing golf since he was eight years old, and his strategy is solid. Rodrigo intends on being a golfer for a long time. "I think I will continue to play golf until my body can't operate."

"The best part of our season was that fact that it was my senior year, and having my teammates look up to me as their captain," Senior Stoten Stofko said. Stofko will continue to play golf even after high school. "I will continue to play golf when I can with my buddies."

Grass flies in the air as Freshman Rhoshawn Johnson chips away at the green. "I've really been trying to become better at perfecting the technique of my swing," Johnson said. "I hope my game will continue to progress as I become more experienced in competitive play."



RIGHT ON PAR



Dennis Barsich and Matthew Neese have a little golf in common. Both athletes started golfing long before high school.

Barsich, a senior, said he first picked up golf clubs when he was four years old.

"I've been playing golf all my life because it's the sport I'm best at," Barsich said.

"I would like to go pro," Neese, a sophomore, said. "But those guys have been playing their entire lives. I have been playing golf for eight years."

When the season opened in April, members of this year's Golf Team were looking to improve on last year's record of 1-17.

"We had many close matches," Senior Stoten Stofko said. "We should contend more than last year."

Returning seniors Barsich, Stofko, Genesis Rodrigo, Matthew Leus and Edwin Tirado Jr. led the team of seven underclassmen.

Freshmen Francis Martisovic, Rhoshawn Johnson and Steven Crague joined Junior Donald Riley Jr. and Sophomores Gregory Phillips and Brandon Taylor on the team.

Now in his second year as coach, Coach David Hinkel stresses having a positive

attitude. "I live positively," Coach Hinkel said. "If you become satisfied with losing, then there's no point in competing."

"I would like to think the 12th graders would lead on actions and behaviors," Coach Hinkel said.

Coach Hinkel acknowledged that the Duneland Conference is "always tough. We're working our way up from the bottom."

To improve their game, the boys practice daily at Summertree Golf Course when they don't have a match.

Neese said he often plays golf on the weekends to improve his game.

"My dad is a golfer, and he pushes me to practice more," Neese said.

"Our varsity will need to be more consistent, and we need to focus on that," Stofko said. "We want to be known as a competitor in our conference."

The love of golf keeps both the players and their coach focused on the green.

"I love golf and I love coaching, and if you put the two together, it's a good deal," Coach Hinkel said.

"I want to recruit more young golfers," Coach Hinkel said. "I want to give them a foundation."



Front Row: Genesis Rodrigo, Gregory Phillips, Brandon Taylor, Matthew Leus, Stoten Stofko, Edwin Tirado Jr., Steven Crague; Back Row: Francis Martisovic, Donald Riley Jr., Dennis Barsich, Matthew Neese, Rhoshawn Johnson





Clearing the hurdles, Juniors Ronneal and Roosevelt Williams keep their focus on winning and advancing to state. Ronneal said he practices and trains so that he can be better prepared for state. On the other hand, Roosevelt said, "I practice and train, so that I can have bragging rights over my brother." They both participated in track for three years, and both earned medals in the 110 hurdles at the state meet. Ronneal Williams finished fifth and Roosevelt Williams came in eighth at state.

"We have natural talent that compliments our hard work and determination," Senior Jason Talbert said. "Our team is just made up of amazing athletes that build on their strengths."

The varsity Track Team is comprised of more than 50 athletes with an immense amount of talent and ability. "We have so many great athletes that are dedicated to doing their best," Varsity Head Coach Jim Johnston said.

The team completed the season with a record of 35-4, and the team focused more on surpassing school and personal records instead of simply beating their opponents.

"We easily beat all our opponents that we face from our conference," Junior Ronneal Williams said. "I was more concerned with breaking the 4x400 record. When I finally did, I felt like all my training and hard work for that particular event was affirmed."

The team has a level of consistency that stems from a balance of well-rounded athletes that can fill multiple events.

"Our team is very large so we can always find someone that can shine or do well in any event that is taking place," Assistant Coach Jeff Fairbairn said.

In previous years, the distance team was lacking in the number of competitive distance runners, but this year many of the distance athletes place in their events consistently.

"We've incorporated a

lot of sprints into our workout," Distance Coach Sean Meagher said, "which seemed to help with our times."

Athletes that excel at the field events contribute to the team's winning effort and give athletes from other sports an incentive to join the team.

"Athletes from other teams are able to keep themselves in shape by participating in the field events," Head Throwing Coach Louis Lopez said. "Even if they aren't runners, the athletes still benefit from throwing."

Many of the athletes do so well that they constantly break records that one of their teammates previously held or a record that they have held before.

"Since freshman year, I've been working so hard at decreasing my 400 meter time," Senior Andrew Milenkovski said. "Even though I hold the best time for the 400 meter in the DAC, I know I can do better and decrease my time."

Milenkovski continued to improve throughout the season and placed fourth in the individual 400 meter and contributed to the second place win of the 1600 meter relay team at the state level.

Senior David Richmond III, a second place finisher in the 1600 relay at the state level, also feels deeply about participating in track and the amount of effort he puts into his craft.

"When I run, I put all my heart into every race," Richmond said, "and I know everyone else on the team feels the same way."



RACING TO THE FINISH LINE

"I am my biggest opponent because I am always pushing myself to do better," Senior Austin Gibson said. Gibson said the competitive drive keeps him motivated. To prepare for the high jump event, Gibson does back bends and gets in the mindset to win.



Even though Junior Daniel Caruana won the 3200 meter, Senior Matthew Bane, Junior Michael Gough and Junior Corbin Massa all did well in the race. Bane said the runners experience so much pain in their legs that they may consider quitting, but they "push through it" and keep running. As motivation to do better, Bane remembers, "Improvement is the key. You don't have to be the fastest. As long as you have improved, you are successful."

In his attempts to clear the bar in the pole vault event, Senior Bradley Kurczynski thinks, "I better make this." Kurczynski has been in track since the sixth grade and said he continues to compete because of the sport's relaxed atmosphere and team unity. His infatuation with winning drives him to do better at each meet.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: Intent on holding the baton and making a clean hand-off, Junior Gabriel Pirtle passes the baton to Senior David Richmond during the 4x400 meter relay. When on the track, Pirtle said he tries not to think too hard about mistakes, but instead, he focuses on running as fast as he can. On the other hand, Richmond said his main focus is to show everyone that he is the one to chase and to live up to all expectations. Richmond and Pirtle went on to complete their season with a second place finish in the 1600 meter relay at state. Originally, Senior Benjamin Spires joined track to train for soccer, but it became an extra sport because of the great training and good friends. "I feel that it differs from other sports because you try to keep relaxed and focused, opposed to the excitement needed for other sports. I focus on technique and speed to do well in the 800 meter and the 300 meter hurdles," Spires said. As Senior Daryl Ross uses the glide technique in the shot put event, he said he thought, "I have to beat my last score." He said that the toughest part of pushing himself to do better is that he over pushes himself. He said he feels a lot of pressure because not only do the coaches expect a lot from him, but he expects a lot from himself. Ross likes track because his event is more of an individual sport, and if he messes up, no one is to blame except himself.

Focusing to obtain a win while striding down the track, Sophomore Ronald Crosby said he runs almost every day as training. He has been in track since the sixth grade and continues for the competition. As he walks around the last lane of the track before every race, he said he must get into the mindset that he must finish the race and, in doing so, win.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Valparaiso	W	85-47
Crown Point	W	87-45
Lake Central	W	96-36
Michigan City	W	100-32
Portage	W	85-47
Portage Relays	W	1st
Cheslerton	W	114-18
LaPorte	W	92-40
Valparaiso Relays	W	2nd
DAC		1st
SECTIONALS		2nd





A personal record of 48 seconds in the 300 meter hurdles makes Junior Samone Kinsey the fastest runner on the team in this event. "I definitely want to make it as far as I can in Sectionals," Kinsey said. She has been running track all through middle school and began hurdling her freshman year.

"Running is one of the most challenging things I've ever done," Junior Jessica Boursier said. "I put all my heart and determination into every stride I take when competing in a race."

It is a team sport where each individual contributes to the success of the team.

"I try to run and improve my time, but being an asset to the team is also an important matter," Boursier said.

The girls' Track Team does numerous repetitive speed workouts which require a lot of discipline and motivation.

"The coaches have motivated me and gave me a new outlook on track," Senior Eniola Akinrinade said.

Athletes run under any weather condition, which makes them focus more on their workout. The athletes have many inspirations that keep them focused and motivated.

"My motivations are my friends, the coach and my own personal aspirations," Akinrinade said.

For the first time, the girls' Track

Team practiced with the boys' Track Team.

"It's difficult, but usually fun," Sophomore Rebecca Neville said.

Everyone supports each other at track meets, which helps in the motivation process.

"The boys are a good motivation to the girls and they push us more," Neville said.

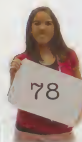
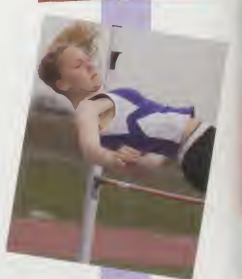
"There are around 70 girls on the team, which is the largest team Merrillville has ever had," Head Coach Tony Bartolomeo said.

"Because of our large team, Merrillville has become a powerhouse in the DAC," Boursier said.

The team won Portage Sectionals by a score of 133.5, beating their rival Crown Point.

"Crown Point was definitely our biggest competition, but we worked together and ended up with the victory," Senior Rebekka van Wickern said.

This is Merrillville's fifth sectional title in a row.



OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: Teammates say that Sophomore Ava Meux is always around to motivate them. After being hurt for 3 months, her first meet was the Tri-Meet at Merrillville May 1, where she finished the 800 meter run in 3 minutes. In her second year, her personal best was 7 minutes 55 seconds for the mile, but 6 minutes was her goal. "Seeing everybody work so hard at practice is a really strong inspiration to me. At the meets you can see how dedicated we are," Meux said.

In her first year of track, Junior Daniela Rios competes in the long jump. Rios, also a gymnast, ran the 200 meter dash. "It is so crowded at practices, because there are boys and girls everywhere," Rios said. Rios' goal for her first track season was to do as well as she possibly can and to improve. Her biggest inspiration was her friend, Junior Hannah Watkins, who encouraged her to run track.

With inspiration from her mother, Sophomore Michelle Ross competes in the 400 meter dash, 100 meter dash and the 4x400 meter relay. "My mom always inspired me with this little metaphoric story that she used when she swam. It is basically about putting a lot of effort in each day that you practice. On meet days take all the effort out of the practices and put together as one," Ross said. Her goal is to run the 400 in less than 1 minute.

A personal record of 4'6" makes Junior Courtney Deming one of the high jumpers for the team this year. Deming, also a gymnast, participated in track for her second year and also ran the 200 meter dash. "I definitely want to show a good performance during the Lowell Sectional, and maybe I will get a new personal record," Deming said.

With a personal record of 57 seconds, Senior Arielle Anderson wins the 400 meter dash at the Portage Relays. Anderson planned to run in college and received offers for full scholarships. Out of the three events she ran, the 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash and the 4x400 meter relay, her favorite event is the 400. "My mother is my inspiration for being the person she is," Anderson said.

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Valparaiso	L	67-64
Tri-Meet		
v. Crown Point	L	73-59
v. Lake Central	L	83-49
West Lafayette		2nd of 10
Tri-Meet		
v. Michigan City	W	92-40
v. Portage	W	83-49
Portage Relays		2nd of 7
Tri-Meet		
v. Chesterton	W	72-60
v. LaPorte	W	91-39
DAC Meet		4th of 8
Sectionals	W	1st of 10
Regionals		6th of 27

Handing the baton to Junior Britney Curry, Sophomore Tierra Simpson competes in the 4x100 meter relay, defeating Crown Point. "It is all about giving your personal best and not giving up," Simpson said. Her goal was to improve and get through sectionals with a new personal record. The 4x100 earned a first at the Tri-Meet against Crown Point and Lake Central.



In her first year of pole vaulting, Sophomore Danielle Bly has exceeded her pre-season expectations. Bly's goal is to advance past sectionals and qualify for further competition. "I like that boys and girls practice together, because it unites us as a whole team," Bly said.

STRIVING FOR EVERY STRIDE

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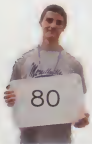
HOME

"I was hoping to score to just give my team an insurance run," Junior Dustin Blaylock (13) said. Blaylock had two hits in the game against Michigan City and scored twice. After the first time through the conference, Blaylock led the team in both batting average and on base percentage.



After laying down a bunt, Senior Drew Dawson (3) runs out of the batter's box. "As a lead-off batter, my responsibility is to just get on base as much as I can," Dawson said. The team went on to beat Michigan City.

With glove in hand, Senior Alexander Ponce (1) scoops up a ground ball in the fifth inning of the game against Michigan City. "I like playing shortstop because that is where I have always played, and also because I get the chance to show off my throwing arm every now and then," Ponce stated.



OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM LEFT: "I was just trying not to get picked off because I know I am not fast enough to try and steal bases," Senior Matthew Douglas (11) said. Looking to score on a hit, Douglas leads off from first base. Douglas plans to continue playing baseball in college.

Finishing his windup, Junior Daniel Jutkus follows through after throwing a pitch. "That was my first time pitching on varsity, so I was really nervous, but I knew I had a solid defense behind me," Jutkus said. Jutkus finished the season with a varsity record of 1-1 after spending most of the season on junior varsity.

As teammates watch from the third base dugout, Senior Rahdric Dix (10) swings at a pitch in the conference game against Michigan City. "I was trying not to think too much when I was up to bat. I was just thinking, 'see the ball, hit the ball,'" Dix said.

After a single into right field, first base coach Brad Schulte congratulates Senior Rigoberto Zambrano (2). Zambrano had one hit in the game and scored once. "I always try to hit the ball wherever it is pitched," Zambrano said. "If it is on the inside of the plate, then I try to take it to left field, and if it is on the right side of the plate, then I try to take it to right field." He plans to continue to play baseball in college.





Along with a new head coach, the team had six new starters on the varsity level.

Four returning starters at the shortstop, third base and pitching positions and a second baseman moving to center field meant that the team lacked experience and would have a rough season.

"Each win we got we had to battle really hard for," Senior Rigoberto Zambrano said, "We never had any easy ones."

After winning the Duneland Athletic Conference and being sectional runner-up, the four returning starters had a lot to live up to.

"We were never expected to do well this year," Senior Alexander Ponce said, "but we came out every day and proved that we were better than what everyone else expected."

With teams such as Crown Point, Chesterton and LaPorte being ranked in the state, the boys had a tough season to work through.

"The Duneland Athletic

Conference is the hardest baseball conference in the state. There are never any easy games. Every game has to be taken seriously," Junior Ryan Halbe said.

The baseball team struggled to find a lineup that worked well together. With a rotating outfield and a shifting batting order, all players had to be ready to execute on any given day.

"We struggled for a long time to find a batting order that would be the most effective. We also had a lot of trouble finding three outfielders who would be consistent on a daily basis," Senior Drew Dawson said.

The team said that losing ten seniors this year will be a tough obstacle to overcome next year. But they still expect them to be a tough team in years to come.

"Merrillville is always a tough team to beat," Senior Samuel Vesely said, "no matter how many seniors we lose or how many returning starters there are."

Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Hobart	W	4-3
Griffith	W	4-2
Hammond	W	5-0
Boone Grove	W	2-0
LaPorte	L	6-2
Michigan City	W	6-2
Highland	L	4-1
Portage	W	6-0
Crown Point	L	9-1
Lake Central	L	8-8
Valparaiso	L	8-0
Chesterton	L	9-2
LaPorte	L	5-0
Lowell	W	18-3
Michigan City	W	6-1
Portage	L	5-3
Crown Point	L	8-3
Lake Central	L	8-0
Valparaiso	W	2-1
Chesterton	L	9-6
West Lafayette	L	11-1
West Lafayette	L	15-8
Andean	L	13-2
Bishop Noll	W	15-14
Munster	L	11-0
Munster	W	8-3
SECTIONALS		
Chesterton	L	1-0



Front Row: Mark Bobowsky, Douglas Domikaitis, Drew Dawson, Alexander Ponce, Rahdric Dix, Rigoberto Zambrano Jr.; Second Row: Manager Samantha Serwacki, Ryan Halbe, Ryan Stokes, Darren Hackett, Desmond Nunnery, Dustin Blaylock, Manager Melissa Kephshire; Back Row: Coach John Kwiatkoski, Coach Brad Schulte, Cody Dallas, Matthew Douglas, Patrick Nawracaj, Samuel Vesely, David Lobodinski, Coach Mark Ciesielski.



Opponent	Win/Loss	Score
Griffith	L	9-0
Valparaiso	W	2-0
Chesteron	L	9-0
LaPorte	L	3-0
Portage	L	4-0
Crown Point	L	3-2
Lake Central	L	9-1
Kankakee Valley	L	6-2
Bishop Noll	W	3-2
Valparaiso	L	1-0
Michigan City	L	11-0
Portage	L	10-0
Lowell	L	3-0
Crown Point	L	4-3
Lake Central	L	6-0
Boone Grove	L	4-0
Twin Lakes Tournament		
Andrean	L	10-0
Pioneer	L	1-0
Lafayette Jeff	L	5-4
SECTIONALS		
Crown Point	L	8-0

With ball in glove, Senior Rebecca Hoover tags out Amber Pierce (25) of Crown Point. "The game didn't turn out how we wanted it to. We lost in an extra inning," Hoover said. "We just need to try a little harder next time."



In an attempt to be safe at second base, Senior Tiffany Owen dives to the ground during the game against Gavit. "Diving and getting dirty are my favorite things about softball. As I'm about to dive or slide, I'm always hoping that I'm going to be safe," Owen said.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: Eyes on second base, Senior centerfielder Lauren Stacks prepares to throw the ball. Centerfielders must always keep an eye on the ball so they can return it to the infield. "I was really concentrating on getting the ball back to second so that I could get another runner out," Stacks said.

Swinging the bat, Sophomore Sarah Williams attempts to hit a pitch during the Crown Point game. "I love batting. I get nervous every time the pitcher throws a curve ball my way. When you bat, you have a chance to make a difference in the game," Williams said.

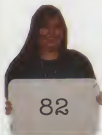
While head coach Amy Govert watches, Senior Amy Vargas stands on third base with a smile on her face. "During our game against Gavit, I hit the only triple that I've hit in high school so it was very exciting. This is the only time I've gotten to third base," Vargas said. The girls lost to Gavit.

"Every time I go up to bat, all I think is 'see the ball, hit the ball,'" Sophomore Tiffany Robertson said. The pitch was called a ball by the umpire, and Robertson walked. The team went on to lose to Gavit by one run.

As she keeps her eyes on the ball, Junior Lisa Saberniak prepares to catch it during the Crown Point game. The girls lost to Crown Point 3-2 in 8 innings. "We have a really young team this season. We've been struggling, but the freshmen have been stepping up. As long as we concentrate on playing as a team, not on winning or losing, we'll get better," Saberniak said.



STEP UP TO THE PLATE





"Even though a large percentage of our team graduated, we still had a positive outlook for our season," Senior Rebecca Hoover said.

With only four returning seniors, the girls have improved their record from last year.

"This year the team has improved and given more effort instead of just blowing things off," Senior Lauren Stacks said. "They actually care and try harder to improve when they make mistakes."

Even though the team did not win many games this season, the four senior leaders helped get the underclassmen ready for each of their games.

"Before each game, we run sprints, lift weights and do our warm-ups," Junior Jillian Jones said. "Then Amy Vargas gets the whole team pumped up and ready to play."

The team practiced every day for two and a half hours when they did not have a game.

New players joined the team, including three freshmen.

"I'm surprised I made the varsity Softball Team," Freshman Lindsey Mitchell said.

"This year has been better, but since we lost a lot of people, the younger and newer girls have to step up their game," Stacks said.

Varsity Head Coach Amy Govert was apprehensive about starting a freshman on a varsity team, but her fears proved to be unwarranted.

"At first, I was a little nervous about starting a freshman on the varsity team and her ability to handle the pressure of the game," Coach Govert said. "But she proved herself and really contributed to the team."

The seniors are anticipating the end of the year but are also dreading their departure from their teammates.

"I was excited for this year to come and to play in my last sectional," Senior Amy Vargas said. "I love playing with my teammates. We all played together throughout high school."

"I will miss the seniors next year," Junior Megan Lovick said. "They helped us a lot over the season to get pumped up for each game, or they told us to shake it off when we made mistakes. Their support made us try even harder the next time."

Front Row: Tiffany Owen, Rebecca Hoover, Brittany Stall, Sarah Williams, Megan Lovick; Second Row: Lisa Saberniak, Tiffany Robertson, Lauren Stacks, Amy Vargas; Back Row: Coach Amy Govert, Kaitlynn Sterkowicz, Jillian Jones, Lindsey Mitchell, Coach Stephanie Nelson





Varsity & JV Football

Coach: Zac Wells

Assistant Coaches: Mark Schellinger, Tony Bartolomeo, Derek Thompson, Joe Atria, Max Gill, Ben Parrish, Mike Megyesi, Zach Siwa, Jeff Eaton

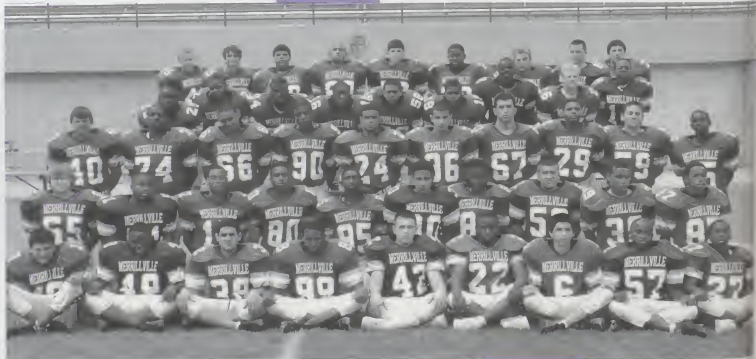
Members: Front Row: Jarrell Wall, Diontie Day, Jeremy Vislosky, Ronald Landrum, Deaundre Gray, Michael Jackson, Brian Brown, Deric Faulkner, Christopher Stokes, Eric Davis, Glen Johnson, Milton Davis, Ira Smith, Anthony Wright, Johnathan Jordan, Niko Donald; Second Row: James Long, Darren Handley, Michael Gates, Eric Williams, Chris Gemelas, Giovanni Macapagal, Paul Thornton III, Ryan Stokes, Derek Shea, Blake Willis, Keith Pavlish, Everett Cresswell, Bradley Kurczynski, Robbie Jordan, Kenneth Smith, Drew Dawson, Guy Pesnaux, Anthony Malone; Third Row: Richard Aleman, Manager Daniela Pava, Manager Jessica Perlas, Manager Courtney Daming, Coach Mark Schellinger, Coach Tony Bartolomeo, Coach Derek Thompson, Coach Joe Atria, Head Coach Zac Wells, Coach Max Gill, Coach Ben Parrish, Coach Mike Megyesi, Head Trainer Sean Hudson, Coach Zach Siwa, Freshman Head Coach Jeff Eaton, Manager Hannelore Reynolds, Manager Stephanie Mercado, Manager Brittany Williams, Matthew Littrell, Mirko Taleff; Fourth Row: Giovanni Jenkins, Jared Martin, Aaron Pitts, Orlando Toney, David Bowling, Damion Wilmoth, Douglas Spencer, Rommell Harris, Joshua Liddell, James Travis, Brandon Usher, Donald Cox, George Neely, Brandon Johnson, DeVen Lowe, Lambe Sikoski, Michael Marsh, Melton Davis, Kyle Morris; Fifth Row: John Graun, Willie Olie, Kevin DeVany, Cody Niles, Jourdan Thomas, Julian Turner, Edward Carter, Jarrett Rucker, Joseph Nelson, Richard Cast, Brian West, Harold Salke, Darren Haggitt, James Harris, Brian McDowell, Lee, Michael Martin, Keon Jones; Sixth Row: Keith Dockery II, Demario Richardson, Jo Jackson, Michael Langhurst, Gerold Young, Ronald Crosby-Greene, Gabriel Pirtle, Cordero Pollard, Robert McKee, Sherman Daniels III, Steven Burney, Daniel Dwyer, Robert Gates, Ronnell Williams, Jason Talbert, Roosevelt Williams, Devin Seaton, Kristofor Jankuloski; Back Row: Christian Beezhoff, Joseph Hawkins, Keenen Stevenson, Jeffrey Kish, Robert Dyson, Paul Rosa, Stanley Jennings, Joshua Raspopovich, Aaron Kaczmarek, Steven Lohse, Dolapo Macarthy, Cordery Arce, Nick Diehl, Samuel Vesely, Salaudeen Lawal, Daryl Ross, Huston Bond, Jordan Chandler, Robert Wright

Coach: Jeff Eaton

Assistant Coaches: Josh Mehay and Mark Schellinger

Freshman Football

Members: Front Row: Theofelos Matarounas, Dominique Kimbrough, James Pollard, Monte Brown, Nicholas Vibanco, Marcus Howard, Edward Deluna, William Laws, David Cross; Second Row: Scottie Richardson, Johnny McClendon, Elliott Parker, Justin Russell, Dominique Robinson, Walter Barcenas, Adonis Madry, Javier Ortiz, Jonathan Harmon, Louis Craig; Third Row: Zachary Graham, Aeral Ross-Williams, Andrew Craig, Gavanni Johnson, Landau Lang, Andres Per Vaiani Atsas, Cameron Mitchell, Suhail Mufareh, Ryan Morgan; Fourth Row: Victor Nzeata, Terry Simpson, Stephen Alexander, Kevin Mask, Robert Hammond, Dominique Key, Dominique Gray, Daniel Burns, James Posey; Back Row: Joseph Sepulveda, Peter Paskash, Phillip Mayweather, Jaquelin Muro, Arturo Garcia, Kenneth Comer, Efran Diaz, Christian Pena, Martin Flores



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Boys' Track

Coach: James Johnston

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Fairbairn, Brian Past, Luis Lopez

Members: Front Row: Andrew Pollard, Jerry Holcomb Jr., Shaquan Moore, Eugene Russell Jr., James Posey, Anthony Miranda, Steven Condes, Jonathan Cowley, Jamel Danzy, Marquis Syas, Michael Ferguson, Mark Campbell, Jonathan Jordan, Sanam El-Queeny; Second Row: Corey Dorsey, Ryan Roddy, Joshua Heilbronn, Cameron James, Justin Watkins, Deonte Diamond, Christopher Vale, Milton Davis, Michael Jackson, David Richmond III, Darnell Roberts, Jonathan Harmon, Ian Fultz; Third Row: Steven Guzek, Michael Enghofer, Dominique Key, Joseph Wiekierak, Kaylon Eaton, Desmond Jones, Andrew Gyzbowski, Richard Peddick III, Matthew Bane, Saul Prieto, Joshua Slacker, Benjamin Kepchar, Gavonn Johnson, Coach Erica DeLosa; Fourth Row: Anthony LaPina, Joshua Liddell, Bradley Kurczynski, Roman Ezensky, Matthew Paul, Matthew McIndon, Edward Carter, Frank Sumichrasi III, Michael Gough, Ronald Moore Jr., George Neely, James Manis, John Graun; Fifth Row: Coach Brian Past, Aaron Fitts, Terrence Cooper, Trevor Bianchi, Ryan Sobierajski, Kryn Pavlish, David Maslyn, Brandon Kapiian, Cecil Frink Jr., Christopher Bradley, Romeo Harper, Benjamin Spires, Seth Binder, Marvin Hearn, Coach Tony Bartolomeo, Coach Sean Meagher; Sixth Row: Coach James Johnston, Ronnell Williams, Nicholas Whitehead, Jason Talbert, Michael Hernandez, Benjamin Smithers, Nicholas Wolak, Corbin Massa, Harold Turner, Ashton Cole, Charles Mhai, Roosevelt Williams, Brian West, Amir Arshami; Seventh Row: Coach Luis Lopez, Andrew Milenkovski, Keith Dockery II, Carlos Ortega, Jacob George, Quinn Roberts, Michael Langhast, Michael Clark, Willie Olie, Martin Flores, Ronald Crosby-Greene, Austin Gibson, Coach Jeff Fairbairn; Back Row: Steven Lohse, Elijah Samuels, Donald Bhe, Tyler Roark, Keenen Stevenson, Nicholas Diehl, Christian Beezhod, Daniel Caruana, Gabriel Pirtle, Marantz Moon, Gerald Young, Jeremy Zeilenga

Girls' Coach: Tony Bartolomeo

Assistant Coaches: Sean Meagher, Jeff Eaton, Erica DeLosa

Members: Front Row: Danice Carbajal, Unique Jeter, Christine Peden, Brianna Clark, Megan Gunn, Ava Meux, Danielle Bly, Nadia Randolph, Latasha Taylor, Niesha Thomas, Ciera Doss, Blair McDaniel, Keenisha Ferguson; Second Row: Alexis Epting, Diana Milenkovski, Marissa Escalante, DaSheema Jones, Nique Lewis, Jessica Aldridge, Jamesha Harris, Kelly Tarr, Kate Tarr, Hannah Watkins, Itanza Wright, Tiffany Leicht; Third Row: Mercedes Forsell, Eniola Akinrinade, Neysha Thomas, Laci Lerma, Whitney Williamson, Linnise Dixon, Rebekka van Wicken, Ma Muhammad, Daniela Rios, Alorely Cowser, Erica Flores; Fourth Row: Morgan Taylor, Taryn Woods, Charmise Cole, Brittini Jackson, Anielle Anderson, Jessica Boursier, Brittanee Sturdiant, Angelica Dix, Emily Kurczynski, Theresa Yugo, Jasmn Garmon, Ashley Hite; Fifth Row: Tanisha Miles, Keyana Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Neville, Christina Lobodinski, Melissa Warren, Arian Taylor, Brimley Curry, Courtney Deming, Taylor Madison, Samone Kinsey, Wanisha Joseph; Back Row: Jacqueline Jefferson, Emilia Stojva, Pamela Johnson, Chanae Robinson, Tere Simpson, Lauren Person, Kayla Strong, Natalie Booker, Ne'Shell Mitchell





Freshman Volleyball

Coach: Lisa Bank

Members: Front Row: Brittanie Thomas, Korey Loudermilk, Emily Kurczynski, Nadia Randolph; Back Row: Jasmine Taylor, Tina Kaczmarek, Coach Lisa Bank, Deborah Ohiani-Jegede, Natalie Riechers.

Record: 3-20



JV Volleyball

Coach: Linda Wilson

Members: Front Row: Jennifer Crawley, Mandy Wain, Brittany Stall, Jessica Aldridge, Alyssa Richmond; Back Row: Taylor Wright, Julia Dicken, Coach Linda Wilson, Mariah Sanders, Yaa Asabere.

Record: 6-19

Girls' JV Soccer

Coach: Tammy Deel

Assistant Coach: Jason Kendera

Members: Front Row: Vanessa Sadural, Candace Pearson, Danielle Bly; Second Row: Suzette Sanchez, Ruby Maldonado, Kathrine Harold, Debra Harstad, Britney Maynard, Ariel Valenzuela; Back Row: Coach Tammy Deel, Katelynn Kora, Brittany Harris, Brandi Griffin, Coach Jason Kendera.

Record: 0-12-1



Boys' JV Soccer

Coach: Rick Hurey

Assistant Coaches: Brad Daniel and
Jon Gutierrez

Members: Front Row: Ian Fultz, Theo Makarcunas, Jacob Potter, Antonio Gomez, Brandon Brack, Mark Campsill, Steven Guzek, Paxton Berfanga; Second Row: Nicolas Mojica, Brandon Taylor, Roman Ezensky, Romeo Harper, Antonio Carbajal, Daniel Rios, Frank Traina; Back Row: Coach Brad Daniel, Coach Rick Hurey, Alex Olandezos, Joshua Phillips, Raul Moreno, Coach Brain Past, Coach Jon Gutierrez.

Record: 5-11



Freshman Girls' Basketball

Coach: Jeff Fairbairn

Members: Front Row: Angela Flores, Cierra Rivers, Jasmine Taylor, Latoya Heaves, Alexis Alamillo, Jasmine Wade, Latol Merrilester; Back Row: Coach Amy Govett, Coach Marc Bruner, Ashley French, Tracee Mitchell, Lydia Hawkins, Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Coach Stephanie Nelson.

Record: 1-17



Freshmen Boys' Basketball

Coach: Mike Megyesi
and Jim Vermillion

Members: Front Row: Michael Hollingsworth, Fredrick Price, Ryan Hill, William Goffin, Fredrick Milledge, Michael Enghofer; Second Row: Byron Ferrell, DeVonte Mabon, Richard Farr, Rhoshawn Johnson, Nicholas Greene; Back Row: Coach Jim Vermillion, Rodney Yarbrow, Jason Simpson, Brandon Bradford, Ra'Shawn Swain, Vincent Dorsey, Coach Mike Megyesi.

Record: 9-9





JV Girls' Basketball

Coach: Marc Bruner

Members: Front Row: Jennifer Crawley, Jasmine Wade, Nadia Millard, Claudia Ponce, Ruby Maldonado, Latoi Merriweather; Back Row: Coach Amy Govert, Coach Marc Bruner, Latoya Reaves, Tracee Mitchel, Lydia Hawkins, Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Coach Stephanie Nelson



JV Boys' Basketball

Coach: Leo Bonin

Members: Front Row: Blake Bonin, Bryce Bonin, Second Row: Rayon Lovick, Romeo Harper, Ashton Cole, Keith Dockery, Jonathan Lee, Ryan Stokes; Back Row: Manager Carl Jones, Andrew Goralczyk, Joseph Hawkins, Coach Leo Bonin, Dolapo Macarthy, Antonio Ross, Manager Cecil Frink

JV Baseball

Coach: Anthony Hofer

Members: Front Row: Charles Campos Jr., Daniel Rios, Eric Davis, Brian Smith, Mark Bobowsky, Jacob Alvarez; Second Row: Eric Zaremba, Joel Van Winkle, Daniel Jutkus, Taylor Douglas, Michael Slavik, Ryan Stokes; Back Row: Francisco Swetlik, Donald Cox, Richard Cast, Coach Anthony Hofer, Aaron Kaczmarek, Timothy Leicht, Ryan Murga



Freshman Baseball

Coach: Mark Schellinger

Members: Front Row: Nicholas Townes, Joshua Belko, Zachary Forsell, Theofilos Makarounas; Second Row: Johnny McClendon III, Colin Schafer, Kevin Schroeder, Peter Paskash, Javier Ortiz, Xavier Ponce, Parker Douglas; Back Row: Coach Jason Kwiatkowski, Arturo Garcia, Michael McNeil, Jeremy Wengel, Coach Mark Schellinger



JV Softball

Coach: Marc Bruner

Assistant Coach: Jennifer Mason

Members: Front Row: Jennifer Crawley, Kathryn Banashak, Felicia Kedziora, Ashley McKnight, Brenda Roy, Latoi Merriweather; Second Row: Anissa Lafitte, Katalin Lundberg, Natalie Riechers, Zinzi Williams, Chelsie Oyervides; Back Row: Coach Marc Bruner, Tina Kaczmarek, Sarah Mason, Lesley Richards, Stephanie Shettles, Kelly Sarsfield, Coach Jennifer Mason



White Varsity Cheerleading

Coaches: Kira Healy and Jen Steele

Members: Front Row: Unique Jeter, Daria Arthur; Second Row: Catherine Gamino, Daniella Gregorine, Diva Lowe, Patricia Millard, Angelica Dix; Back Row: Jessica Brooks, Blair McDaniel



Purple Varsity Cheerleading

Coach: Lori Govert

Members: Front Row: Melissa Darang, Madeline Govert; Second Row: Marketh Bray, Ashley Carrero; Third Row: Melissa Kwiatkowski, Bnanna Clark, Kendall Bonick, Katherine Sadural; Fourth Row: Lorne Britt, Joshua Spence, Mitchell Sobczak; Back Row: Lisa Pozniak, Courtney Cieslak, Katelynn Kora







performing arts





With eyes focusing on their music, Juniors Zinzi Williams and Brittany Williams play the school song along with the rest of Pep Band. "I think the hardest song to play would probably be the school song," Zinzi said.



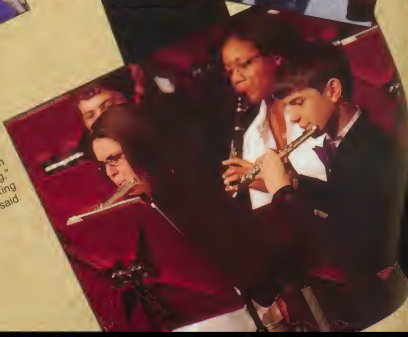
Playing in unison, Senior Amanda Powers, Junior Michael Rivera and Sophomore Lance Robinson perform for the audience. "I love going out and performing. It is a lot of fun," Rivera said.

In support of the band at the Homecoming Parade, Freshman Julie Hays and Sophomore Eric Terry march and play in formation. "While I was walking down the street, I was thinking and focusing on my next part to play," Hays said.



At a boys' basketball game, Junior Jennifer Weger is one of many in Pep Band who play clarinet. "Between school, band, work and my social life, I do have time to practice playing on the weekends and we have lots of time in class, too," Weger said.

In the Christmas concert, Freshmen Amber Medwetz, Jill Larson and Ian Fultz play "Fan Fair for Christmas" with their flutes. Both have been in band since sixth grade. "The best part about band for me is the travelling," Larson said. "The best part of band for me is just making new friends," Medwetz said.



Drop That Beat

A band member for six years, Sophomore Michelle Ambrose plays the tambourine in "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" during the Christmas concert. Ambrose said she enjoys band. "It helps you with your studies, and it gives you a better understanding and appreciation for music," Ambrose said.

"The best part of band is meeting new people, but I just really like playing the flute," Junior Vanessa Powers said. She plays the flute for a song in the Christmas concert.



Under the direction of Mr. Bob Myers and Senior Directors Daniel Sparks and Rebecca VanVleet, the band is most known for their half-time performances.

"Most people only know us when we perform at half-time," Junior Michael Rivera said.

The band does more than just half time. There is a Concert Band, a Jazz Band and a Marching Band. All of these bands put a lot of time and effort into their pieces.

"I put a lot of work into band, and I would hope that people would appreciate it," Senior Jamie Sleb said.

For a concert the band spends two to three months getting everything perfect.

"Mr. Myers likes everything to be perfect," Rivera said.

Besides concerts and performing at half time, the band participates in the Solo and Ensemble Indiana State School Music Association and

many performers do outside performances such as playing in the school plays.

Being in requires commitment. The band spends many hours practicing and rehearsing.

"You cannot just come to a practice," Junior Jackie Nason said.

Concert Band practice lasts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday.

During Marching Band season the band practices every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. That is only during the school year. Two weeks before school starts, the band practices from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day.

"Some songs take longer to learn, so we have to be dedicated all year round," Junior Nicole Jones said.

Intermediate Band



Front Row: Sanam El-Quesry, Samantha Johnson, Katherine Sadural, Desiree' Bolden, Jasmine Youngblood; Second Row: Wesley Young, Jennifer Tucker, Christine Peden, Mark Campbell, Josh Stacker, Ashley Haney, Niesha Thomas; Third Row: Eric Terry, Victor Benitez, Michelle Ambrose, Ta'Shai Nelson, Jasmine Woods, Laretha Assibey-Mensah, Spring Stewart, Desmond Jones, Taylor Douglas; Back Row: Lance Robinson, Elijah Samuels, John Goosby III, Darius Richmond, Ryan Roddy, Edwin Smith, Vince Marquez, Dwayne Wright, Matthew Mayo Jr.

Freshman Band



Front Row: Jacqueline Pena, Amber Medwetz, Cha'ya Eddie, Pauline Laorden, Courtney Pitts; Second Row: Armando Miller, Jaylah Robinson, Jillian Carson, Chrystal Valant, Ian Fultz, Dylan Toneff, Robert Balash, Alexander Gacsy; Third Row: Amon Garner-Poston, Charne Knight, Julie Hays, Tristin Russell, Ronald McMillian, Deborah Ohiani-Jegede, Phillip Mayweathers; Back Row: Juan Rivera, Zachary Graham, Demetri Kratimenos, Parry Papamihalakis, Jacob Williams, Zachary Swierc, Christopher Taylor, Andrew Hibbler

Advanced Band




Front Row: Jamie Sieb, Letitia Bella, Cara Zimmerman, Brittini Braddock, Ashley Savage, Jasmine Henderson, Rebecca VanVleet, Courtney Crenshaw; Second Row: Itanza Wright, Anel Mabone, Anissa Lafitte, Zinzi Williams, Danielle Kacmar, Vanessa Powers, Ashlee Holland, Nicole Jones, James Gedda; Third Row: Linnise Dixon, Michael Rivera, Benjamin Tapper, Brian Morrow, Jennifer Weger, Jaclyn Nason, Kyle Shockey, Cecil Frink; Fourth Row: Kendall Sharp, Charles Mihall, Joshua Phillips, Michele Zerbe, Joshua Williams, Daniel Sparks, Keenen Stevenson, Jeremy Zellenga; Back Row: Neven Holland, Michael Fisch, Tavon Cunningham, D'Andre Spears, Justin White, Eric Heidbreder, Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, DeAndre Nwannunu

Jazz Bands



Front Row: Itanza Wright, Nicole Jones, Michael Rivera, Benjamin Tapper; Second Row: Kyle Shockey, Malcolm Graham, Deborah Ohiani-Jegede, Cecil Frink, Brian Morrow, Michael Kelly; Back Row: Tavon Cunningham, Juan Rivera, Daniel Sparks, Jafar Abdul-Hafiz



"If there is one thing that I really like about being in the orchestra, besides making new friends, it would have to be just learning the difficulty of the music and the teachers," Freshman Chantal DeJesus, an orchestra member for five years, said. She plays the violin in the Christmas concert.

"The best part about orchestra is hanging with friends, and it just makes you feel really good when you play the song in unison," Freshman Brittini Jackson, an orchestra member for six years, said. She is playing the double bass in the Christmas concert for the song Green Sleeves.

"What I really like about being a part of the orchestra is just learning all different types of music," Senior Matt Kochevar, an orchestra member since the sixth grade, said. He is playing the violin in the Christmas concert for the song "The Christmas Sing Along."

"The best part about being in orchestra is going to contests and playing as a group and having fun," Natalie Bryson, a senior and orchestra member since the sixth grade, said. She plays the violin in the Christmas concert for the song "Sleigh Ride."

While the orchestra performs a song for the Christmas concert, Freshman Sabrina Smith-Griggs, an orchestra member for three years, plays the viola. "The best part about being in orchestra is becoming well-rounded, and it helps you in a lot of ways and its fun," Smith-Griggs said.

From 'down, up, down, up' to 'one, two, three, four,' the orchestra has come along way. With the start of each new school year, new curriculum and new changes, both the Advanced and Intermediate Orchestras worked to achieve their goals for the year.

"We wanted to build the intermediate classes core skills and strengthen their playing abilities. With the advanced class, we wanted to play higher level music while working on their skills, as well," Assistant Director Mrs. Diane Kowalski said. "Kids in the advanced class auditioned for their spot. We wanted those students to be able to work at a more accelerated pace while the intermediate class developed some skills that weren't mastered yet."

Throughout the year, the orchestras participate in many performances, concerts and events. "I've been doing this for so many years now," Senior Krysten Casey said. "It's not as nerve-wrecking as it was a few years ago. But it's still a lot of hard work to prepare for everything." "Before concerts and ISSMA, I get stressed out," Sophomore Caitlin Spires said. "But then once you get on the stage and see everyone, you forget how nervous you are."

Each year, the orchestra puts on many concerts: fall, Christmas, pre-contest and spring. In addition, they also participate in the Indiana State School Music Association Festival, held at Merrillville usually in late January or early February. Knowing that time flies by, and that students can never have too much practice time, Director Mr. John Bradford and Mrs. Kowalski help prepare the students for their performances starting at the beginning of the year. "We play a lot in class and I also take private lessons with Mrs. White. I practice at home, too. It all helps me prepare for our performances," Junior Zachary Banks said.

As performance dates near, tensions sometimes rise in the classroom. "The little details are the most stressful. Tuning, making sure everyone knows where they're supposed to be and when," Mrs. Kowalski said. "But in the end, it's all worth it. They deserve the chance to play music as an ensemble. I'm happy that we can provide that for them, no matter how stressful it takes to get there."

"Mr. Bradford and Mrs. K. provide more than enough for me," Senior Rachel San Miguel said. "They both put up with us and are always there."

With next year already in mind, Mrs. Kowalski said she is already hard at work. "Next year, we want to improve the students' skills and play more difficult music. Continued emphasis on scales is also in mind."

With graduation nearing, the seniors have mixed emotions. "I'm excited to graduate, but I'm going to miss everyone," San Miguel said. "I've been waiting for graduation since freshman year," Casey said. "I didn't think time would fly by this quickly, and that it would actually be here. I'm excited to move on, but I'm going to miss this next year. We all have such a close bond and a lot of memories. It's sad that it's almost over."

"It's going to be weird not having this year's seniors here next year. I'm going to miss Krysten, Rachel and just everyone. It's going to be a lot different," Spires said. "But I know we'll still do well even though they'll be gone. I'm excited to see how much we progress next year."



"I like being in orchestra because of the friends you make from it and the memories. It's something that I'll never forget," Senior Krysten Casey said. Casey has been an orchestra member since the sixth grade. She is introducing the advanced class and the pieces they will play as she welcomes Mr. Bradford to the stage.

Bring The Strings . . .

Intermediate Orchestra



First Row: Chantrice Cade, Jerioka Jasso, Cassandra Garcia-Brignoni, Mariah Dennis, Megan Harms, Cinthia Garcia, Second Row: Assistant Director Ms. Diane Kowalski, Sarah Martin, Evelyn Irak, Rachel Drapeau, Aubrey Cowser, Candace Pearson, Karrean Allen, Zakiyyah Karim, Nicole Tarulis, Director John Br... Third Row: Harlene Haro, Luis Gutierrez, Sabrina Smith-Griggs, Elizabeth Baumann, Paige Wilson, Allison Kish, Parker Douglas, Patricia Millard, Fourth Row: Scott Gedda, Elliott Parker, Julia Dicken, Courtney Jones, Heather Kiel, Augusta Carneygee, Joshua Belko, Alexander Perez; Back Row: Britta Tapscott, Gabe Moreno, Ian Jones, Nicholas Wolak, Jeremy Coto



Director Mr. Bradford



Violins Wyatt Williams and Joshua Crayne



Junior Trevor Brown



Senior Cherelle Dunn



Junior Kristen Hoyles

Sounding like one

Junior Zachary Banks and Sophomore Nathaniel Ortega

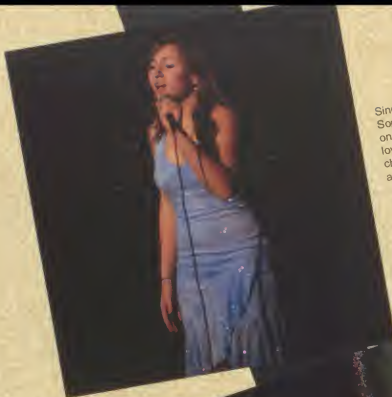
Director John Bradford

Advanced Orchestra

Advanced Orchestra



Front Row: Sarah Yacko, Natalie Bryson, Caitlyn Spires, Cora Boender, Kristen Hoyles, Cherelle Dunn; Second Row: Kelly Albright, Michele Myers, Megan Gunn, Le'Tia Hill, Rachel San Miguel, Chantal DeJesus, Shelley Lohr, Amanda Gonzales; Third Row: Director John Bradford, Emmalee Troupes, Michelle Ross, Kimberly Nason, Brianna Carter, Courtney Weldon, Irene Lopez, Assistant Director Diane Kowalski; Fourth Row: Trevor Brown, Pedro Lara, Matthew Kochevar, Cody Niles, Quinn Roberts, Blake Willis, Prince Nzeata; Back Row: Wyatt Perkins, Patrick Kolbert, Jacob Kapitan, Zachary Banks, Steve Carniello, Nathaniel Ortega, Joshua Crayne; Not Pictured: Krysten Casey.



Singing "Do You Hear What I Hear," Sophomore Markella Papamihalakis puts on a show at the Christmas Concert. "I love all the friendships that I make in choir," Papamihalakis said. "We all get along together really well."



In front of the audience at the annual Christmas concert, Freshman Nick Stovall, a part of the Concert Choir, hits all his notes just right. "I really enjoy being in choir," Stovall said. "I think it is a great experience." The Concert Choir is directed by Mrs. Melinda Reinhart.

Microphone in hand, Senior Marcus Patikas sings in the annual Christmas concert at Reinhart Auditorium. Patikas performed a rendition of Elvis Presley's "Frosty the Snowman." "The best part about choir is the reaction from the crowd, all the hooting and hollering," Patikas said.



With a red nose and antlers on his head, Junior Daven Walker sings the part of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in "Jingle, Jingle." Walker recently transferred from Emerson School for Visual and Performing Arts and plans to continue in choir after high school. "I love seeing people in the crowd get into my performance," Walker said. "Then I know that they are enjoying it."

With arms held high, the Choralteens conclude the opening act at Reinhart Auditorium with a big finish. Senior Alexis Gedda, a member of both Choralteens and Vocalteens, said that she plans to continue choir in college. "I love being on stage and making people smile," Gedda said.



"I've formed a family bond with all of my classmates. I wake up everyday knowing that one of my classmates will affect my life in a positive way," Senior Choralteen Stephanie Matson said.

Many students in the choir program feel this way about their classmates, because they spend so much time with them. "Most of my friends are in choir," Junior Brianna Jenkins said, "I really don't know what I would do without them." The students in the choir program commit a large portion of their time, effort and energy into perfecting their craft. Many of the students involved in the advanced choir classes attend evening practices, and every student is required to attend three mandatory performances.

"Choir consumes every aspect of my life. It's hard to put into words how choir takes up every minute of my life, in a good way" Sophomore Choralteen Holly Cooper said.

The family dynamic of the choir program will soon change due to the retirement of the choir director, Mr. Roger Emig. Mr. Emig has been involved with the choir program for more

than twenty years and has formed a special bond with his students.

"I'm going to miss the friendships that I've formed with all of my students,"

Mr. Emig said, "Seeing them progress is like watching children of my own."

Mr. Emig plans on pursuing his own personal musical career, but he will return periodically to accompany his former students. Mr. Emig's students also feel deeply about the loss of their teacher.

"I cried when I found out that he was leaving. He has taught me so much, and I don't know what I would do without him" Brianna Jenkins said.

With the loss of Mr. Emig, Assistant Choir Director Melinda Reinhart will assume Mr. Emig's previous position. "I am excited to experience something new, and influence all the students involved in the choir program," Mrs. Reinhart said, "Even though challenges hang in the distance, I'm ready to conquer them."



During the Christmas Concert, the Bel Choir performs at the intermission. "I was just trying to get all the notes and measures right even though I was so nervous," Sophomore Kirsten Koharchik said. Koharchik has been in Bel Choir for one year and plans to continue Bel Choir while in high school.



"The best part of being in choir is that I get to sing with my girls," Sophomore Lonielle Johnson said. The Varsity Choir performed during the Christmas Concert in Reinhart Auditorium. Johnson said that she does not stress about upcoming performances. She said she does not think about it at all.

A Sound in Chorus

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Handbell Choir

Front Row: Dianna DeLeon, Melony Kinsey, Kayla Hahney, Amirah Butler, Levittia Randolph; Second Row: Monique Rojas, Chiara Clanton, Chelsea Oyervides, Nadia Millard, Ashley Sokolowski, Kamary Nunn; Back Row: Shekinah Taylor, Ashley Thompson, Katria Woodfork, Perry Gordon



Varsity Choir

Front Row: Bianca Johnson, Iesha Anderson, Briana Lee, Gabrielle Roberts, Keyanah Grant, Anastasia Prothro, Kayla Johnson, Shantez Pirtle, Unique Jeter, Loriele Johnson; Second Row: Janika Donald, Shanice Hampton, Brenda Pidgeon, Jasmine Agee, Melina Rivera, Kiara Stephens-Brown, Kathleen Towry, Nicole Varela, Rashawn Carroll; Third Row: Breanna Hummel, Neysha Thomas, Theresa Yugo, Samantha Murphy, Alexis Alamillo, Korey Loudemilk, Diva Lowe, D'Shay Travis, Amber Walls; Back Row: Kaitlynn Sterkowitz, Arika Ivery, Kimberly Coates, Mahogane Edmond, Danniella Gregoline, Angelica Dix, Kourtney Givens, Amber Pruett, Alyssa Shirk, Jazien Wilkerson



Concert Choir

Front Row: Megan White, Kirsten Koharchik, Tiarra Hammond, Desiree Upshaw, Brandi Griffin; Second Row: Ashlynn Taylor, Vanessa Sadural, Nicholas Stoval, Ronald Moore Jr., Megan Matt; Third Row: Amber Wilson, Anthony Wright, Woodie Conner, Ryan Bishop, Shanell Harris, Kayla Meloy; Back Row: Heather Walker, Darshanae Adkins, Nathan Hartford, Patrick Geeze, Jeremy Bryant, Tracey Walker, Tianna Ceaser, Destiny Biddings





Velveteens

Front Row: Tiffany De La Paz, Caitlyn Kotul, Kayla Hahney, Mandy Weis, Kelly Tarr, Courtney Bargfeldt; Second Row: Amesha Smith, Kristin Alvarez, Caitlin Ienik, Leah Floyd, Courtney Thomas; Back Row: Kendall Bonick, Elisha Alamillo, Mallory Lancaster, Norma Solis, Bianca Earl, Kandace Greene



Choralteens

Front Row: Stephanie Matson, Brandy Dieterle, Chamel Forbes, Markella Papamihalakis, Shiyaneva Wiley, Whitney Griggs; Second Row: Kelsey Beshears, Sarah Richards, Debra Harstad, Kathrine Harold, Shakira Bell, Cecilia Rivera, Jessica Myren; Third Row: Crystalynn Roy, Krystie Reed, Taylor Madison, Elizabeth Martin, Alexandra McLaughlin, Holly Cooper; Back Row: Christopher Logan, Aaron Curtis, Floyd Baylor



Vocalteens

Front Row: Cassandra Adler, Ian Hernandez, Ashley Elser, Keegan Robinson; Second Row: Pamela Agoris, Anthony Barnes, Rebecca Neville, Deven Walker, Alexis Gedda, Shannell Parks, Cody Stewart; Third Row: Ashley Arney, Marcus Patikas, Brianna Jenkins, Kenneth Smith; Back Row: Pamela Johnson, Charles Pennington, Jacyn Boskamp, Dwayne Johnson



Colorguard had a very successful season because they had two weeks of band camp starting at 1 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. during the summer. Colorguard members work extremely hard to get better each year and to build on what they did last year.

"I got interested into Colorguard because it's a never ending challenge and we always get better," Senior Michelle Deming said.

The best audience that Colorguard had was in Fort Wayne. The audience knew what was going on and how well the Colorguard connected with the band.

"Colorguard interprets visually what the band plays and your eyes are drawn to the movement of the flags," Mr. David Lincicome said.

"I wish Colorguard was more known because people say we are just with the band, but we work hard and it takes a lot of strength to be in Colorguard," Vanessa Alexander said. "Being in Colorguard you have to be dedicated and then find it to be rewarding after a show" Mr. Lincicome said.

Michelle Deming said she plans to expand her Colorguard experience.

"I'm already in a group from Illinois and it's a lot of fun" Deming said.

"Colorguard gives you a great chance to meet other schools and travel. I really love dancing with other schools, meeting new people and seeing the Drumline camp while I'm in Colorguard" Keisha Mathis said.



On Senior Night at half time, the seniors in the band and Color Guard took the field. Seniors Michelle Deming, Goeffrey Sperling and Jahlik Brown are graduating this year and plan on continuing in college. "I am going to miss everybody," Brown said. "We were all so close, just like a sister-plus-one-brother-hood."

New to field color guard, Senior Goeffrey Sperling has experience in swinging a flag. He was in different competitive drum corps for three years before he joined the school team. Sperling has had a few interesting performances this season. "The day of our competition at Northrop High School was rainy," Sperling said. "They had to cover the grass in cat litter, which we had to lay in. It was gross. Then at Lafayette Jefferson ISSMA Regionals, the wind was strong enough it knocked down a tarp that I had to jump over during the performance."

A Neverending Challenge

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To put as much energy and enthusiasm as she can into her performance, Junior Vanessa Alexander thinks of her friends and her family while she is on the field. Her favorite thing, however, is getting further and further into the season each year. "I love going to regionals because each year we get closer and closer to making it to the state competition," Alexander said.

At their favorite set, Juniors Natalie Lipp and Vanessa Alexander keep their smiles big. Lipp, a color guard member for two years, loves the competitions. "The one and only hard thing about color guard is dealing with all the girls' drama," Lipp said.



As Freshman Crystal Valant and Senior Goeffrey Sperling move to their next set, thoughts of exactly where to go and what moves to do run through Valant's mind. "Trying to learn routines was the hardest thing to do," Valant said. With a summer of practices three times a week for almost three hours each, color guard members run their routine to memorize it and perfect it.



Watching the drum major's hand count the beats, Senior Michelle Deming smiles for the audience. She has been in color guard for four years and plans on continuing in college with an independent winter guard and a drum corps the next summer. In the past four years, she has figured out the difference between her performances. "At the competitions, people are more serious than at the football games," Deming said. "They actually care about what is going on that field."

"The hardest thing about being in color guard this season had to be learning the moves," said Freshman Xochitl Logan. During her first season in color guard, she found out it was hard being new on the team, however she said it was a good environment with a lot of friends. "All the bumps and bruises are worth it," Logan said after revealing she had hit herself in the head with the flag on a stage performance.





As she sings to the crowd during the fall play, "Once Upon a Mattress," Senior Jaclyn Boskamp said, "I was telling a story about a princess, and how I wished that I could also be a princess."

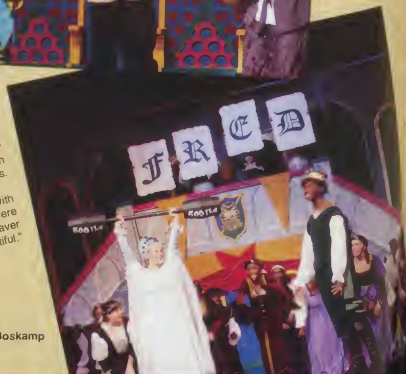
Because Senior Jaclyn Boskamp guides Senior Cassandra Adler to the middle of the stage, Adler said she felt more comfortable. "I was really afraid to go to center stage by myself, but Jacki made it easier by going out there with me," Adler said.

Refurbished scenery created a backdrop for Senior Sherman Daniels III and Juniors for Senior Stewart and Doug Domikaitis while they recite their lines. Sherman said, "I felt at home playing a jester because his personality matches mine."



"My favorite part of the play was the unique plot and the acting," Senior Ashley Elser said. A colorful shutter serves as the backdrop for Elser and Seniors Jaclyn Boskamp and Marcus Patikas.

With prop in hand, Senior Jaclyn Boskamp dialogs with Senior Dwayne Johnson. "The props and scenery were all refurbished," Drama Coach Mrs. Beverley Seaver said, "To create something new, unique and beautiful."



Fairy Tale Comes Alive

A group of supporting actors, Senior Christopher Burke and Senior Keegan Robinson, lift Senior Jaclyn Boskamp in the air. "This was one of my favorite scenes from the play," Boskamp said, "and I really enjoyed the lift."

Exchanging dialogue, Seniors Ashley Amey and Dwayne Johnson say their lines while Senior Jaclyn Boskamp lies on the floor. "I really enjoyed dressing up and being someone else," Amey said.



Soon after school began, the fall musical "Once Upon a Mattress" was already starting to come together. There was one thing different about the musical this year. Closed auditions were held for Theater Director Mrs. Beverley Seaver's and Choir Director Mr. Roger Emig's students instead of the usual open auditions.

"It was a bit harder to jump start our extracurricular program since other students who wanted to be involved were not able to," Mrs. Seaver said.

"We knew who was going to be involved already. It was just a matter of picking who got which role," Mrs. Seaver noted.

Because of closed auditions, students were able to practice for the musical during 5th hour. Some students involved in the play thought that this helped out a lot.

"It made things a lot easier because everyone was able to attend practices. Practices outside of class were also more easygoing, and there wasn't as much pressure," Student Director Michelle Deming stated.

Fifty veterans and rookies participated in the production of the play. Two of the lead roles, Prince Dauntless and Princess Fred, were played by Seniors

Dwayne Johnson and Jaclyn Boskamp, both have been involved in drama throughout high school.

"I really enjoyed getting to know Unique Jeter and others that I didn't know yet," Boskamp said.

The musical was based on the classic tale "The Princess and the Pea." In the story, townspeople were unable to be wed until the prince was married, but the queen wanted to make sure that those trying to marry her son were fit for the position. The queen made each princess go through various tasks to prove she was worthy.

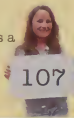
In the end, Princess Fred was able to win Prince Dauntless' hand in marriage. Even though the musical was a fairy tale, Boskamp said she was able to identify with her character.

"Fred related to me wanting to find 'happily ever after' but never being able to find it," she said.

Going into the performances, some of the participants were a little worried.

"We had skipped a scene during rehearsal, but it turned out as good as we wanted," Deming stated.

"Performing on stage is always an amazing experience," Johnson said, "and the performance, as a whole, turned out wonderful."



"I wanted our group to look like the real Jackson 5 did back in the '70s," Junior Brianna Jenkins said. Jenkins choreographed the whole routine on her own. She came up with the idea last year. "I am a huge Michael Jackson fan. We watched videos and drilled down the choreography." After practicing almost every day right before the show, Jenkins said, "We weren't nervous, just pumped."

With the piano at his fingertips, Sophomore Samuel Stewart plays the songs, "Funked Up" and "Victory is Mine." Stewart became interested in playing the piano in church. "I taught myself how to play since I was seven years old," Stewart said. The six members of the group were all good friends. "We had a blast," Senior Jafar Abdul-Hafiz said. Showing off their moves, the girls dance to "Get Up," by Ciara. "Farrah Travis choreographed most of the dance, but we all put in our own moves," Senior Derrianne Upshaw said. Upshaw said that all of the girls shared a talent for dancing, so it only took a few weeks to choreograph. Upshaw has been dancing almost all of her life. "When I was five years old in Mississippi, I would dance and people would throw dollars at me," Upshaw said.

After hearing the crowd, the Numb/Encore group dances to the beat. "We were nervous, but after we heard the cheering from the crowd, we got hyped," Junior Donald Joseph Riley said. The group used many props throughout their performance, an idea by Junior Charles Christian Brown. Charles came up with the idea to make it more interesting by throwing fake money, confetti and cds," Riley said. "We were just friends having fun." Freshman Matthew Steele said,

Dressed in a fat Elvis suit, Freshman Dylan Certa lip syncs to the song, "Burning Love." "I wanted to be fat Elvis because I'm a hunk of burnin' love," Certa said. He chose the song after he watched the scene in "Honeymoon in Vegas" when all the Elvis impersonators sang it on the plane. Certa wasn't nervous before the show. "I just went with the flow, and gave it everything I got," he said.

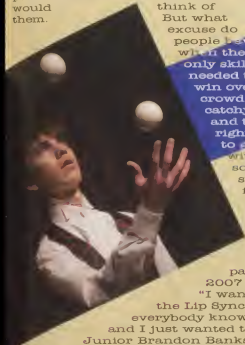
Whether singing, dancing or acting, students have the opportunity to show their peers their talents and abilities during the Revue. The Revue participants had about four weeks to prepare their material for the performance. For many of the performers it was their first time performing in front of an audience and they used this opportunity to test out their skills and see how they would do. But for some performers, such as sophomore Stephanie Hart, it was just another performance. "I have been on stage a lot of times and as always my heart was beating fast, but once I started dancing I was okay. I was just happy to be dancing for fun instead of for a competition," Hart said. The Revue, a major fundraiser for the Theatre Department, brought a lot of attention to the 22 acts that performed, therefore causing a lot of second thoughts before going on stage. Junior Jessica Brook said, "My thoughts going on stage were I just hope I don't mess up because I don't want everyone that I know to laugh at me."

But for some other participants they felt the total opposite about taking the stage, such as Junior Jacqueline Jefferson. "I was excited but the first night everybody was kind of nervous and was wondering how everything was going to go," Jefferson said. "The second night everybody was excited to get out there."

Many times stage fright plays a role in whether or not a person decides to go on stage and perform. There are times when the best, most talented person may not even get the opportunity to show off those talents because he or she is simply too afraid of what peers and would think of them. But what excuse do people have when the only skills needed to win over the crowd are a catchy song and the right moves to go along with that song? Is it still hard for people to go out there and actually do it? That was the task for the 13 acts who participated in the 2007 Lip Sync.

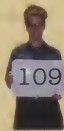
"I wanted to perform in the Lip Sync this year because everybody knows that it's tight and I just wanted to be a part of that," Junior Brandon Banks said. The Lip Sync Contest, a major fundraiser for the Pirate Network, managed to bring in

about \$3,500 in profit. Every act had to pick a song to perform, put moves with that song and then add a little spin on things that would help the performers win over the crowd. The winners of the Lip Sync were Seniors Brianna Carter, Cecilia Rivera, Jan'ae Guerra, Arielle Anderson, Latoya Noble, Shantelle Laughlin and Crystallynn Roy. They performed Ciara's hit song "Promise," and made up a dance to go along with it. In the end they received a \$300 check and the bragging rights of being the winners. "At the end of the performance when they announced the winners, I just stood there for a while because I couldn't believe we had just won. We seriously didn't think that we would be the winners," Senior Brianna Carter said. Senior Crystallynn Roy said, "I didn't think we would win until the mandatory practice. After I saw what the other groups had to offer I wasn't really nervous. At the same time I was never really concerned about winning, I just went up there to try and have fun."



As the crowd watches, Junior Cody Stewart juggles to The Beatles' "Golden Slumbers" at the Revue. With over ten years of experience under his belt, Stewart is capable of juggling five items at a time, including knives, torches and bowling pins. "I juggle anytime I can," says Stewart. "Michelle Branch inspired me four years ago to start playing the guitar." Freshman Madison Colfield said, Colfield wrote the original song, "Take Me Away," just a few months before the Revue. She taught herself how to play the Ibanez Acoustic guitar and intends to start her own band in the future.

Taking the Stage...





"I had help with my lines from Mrs. Seaver because at first, I didn't understand Shakespeare," Senior Dwayne Johnson said. The servant Curio, played by Junior Ashley Savage, held up her radio for Duke Orsino to listen. It took Johnson one month to get the play ready and about two weeks to learn his lines for the play.

"I didn't have my lines memorized until two days before opening night," Junior Elizabeth Martin said. Martin played Feste the Fool and was one of the main characters in the play. During the scene, Maria, played by Freshman Patricia Millard, tried to grab a letter from Feste the Fool.



Before going on stage as the main character, Malvolio, "I think about the character's movements and facial expressions in order to put myself in his position," Senior Marcus Patikas said. In this scene, Malvolio was reading a false letter by Maria, which he thought was written by Olivia.



It took four months for the cast and crew to put the play together. Sophomore Elliot Foley played the twin brother Sebastian, and Freshman Myrion Gonzales played Antonio. "It took me two weeks to memorize my lines for the play, and it took a lot of hard work and dedication to do what I was doing," Foley said.

Along with all the other main characters, Sophomore Anthony Barnes also played an important part as a drunkard named Uncle Sir Toby Belch. "My technique for memorizing lines is to practice them with other people," Barnes said. In this scene, Sir Toby Belch was half drunk, and he tried to tell Maria, played by Freshman Patricia Millard, he could do whatever he wanted.



A Shakespearian Twist...

Since too many girls tried out for the play, many of the roles were double casted. Senior Michelle Deming, along with Junior Jessica Myren, played the role of Olivia. "I thought the play was funny and went along with the student body well," Deming said.



As Viola, played by Junior Alexandra McLaughlin, flirts with the Duke, played by Senior Dwayne Johnson, they take part in the love triangle that makes the main plot of the play. McLaughlin and Johnson are used to the requirements of acting in a play. "The play consisted of everyday rehearsal after school for three hours," Johnson said.



In the early 1600s, Shakespeare wrote the "Twelfth Night," or "What You Will" as the last of his mature comedies. The "Twelfth Night" was duplicated in the early 19th century, adding a lot more songs and funny scenes taken from other Shakespeare plays.

The Drama Department brought the play to life, but made some changes. The MHS version takes place in the '60s.

"Mrs. Seaver cut out the things that average people would not understand," Junior Jessica Myren said.

Other things remained the same, such as the language, plot and script.

"It was as funny as the original," Myren said.

"My favorite part was the first fight scene between Viola and Sir Andrew Aguecheek," Freshman Alyssa Shirk said.

"There is a love triangle between Olivia, Viola and Duke Orsino," Shirk said.

The Duke is in love with Olivia, who falls in love with Cesario, who is really Viola, who is in love with Duke Orsino.

Many people say that the "Twelfth Night" is just like the film "She's the Man." In fact, Shirk said, "She's the Man" is based on the "Twelfth Night."

Members of the Drama Department practiced four hours every day after school for six weeks.

"It takes a long time to memorize your lines, because you can't just make up Shakespearean English if you forget your lines," Shirk said.

The first recorded performance of the play comes from a journal entry, dating back to 1602, giving description about the play and its basic plot. "Twelfth Night" is a celebration of romantic love and can be seen as a traditional romantic comedy.



With homecoming spirit signs in hand, STAND members Senior Whitney Griggs, Freshman Kayla Ridgeway and Sophomores Kandance Greene and Courtney Bargfeldt walk for the STAND float. STAND participates in a variety of activities throughout the year, such as the Day of Silence, Student Exchange and the International Dinner. "STAND offers a lot of community service and gives you opportunities to experience a culture other than your own," Greene said.

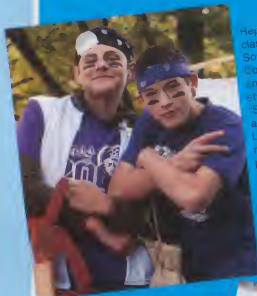
CLUBS & activities



While beating the winter blues at the main entrance, Junior Karrean Allen and Senior Respecta Hoffman engage in one activity for Key Club Spirit Week. "Writing on the main glass doors about all the hard work Key Club has done really shows how much fun we have volunteering," Junior and Key Club member Crystal Hernandez said.

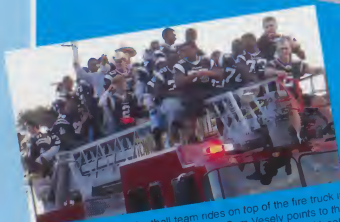
Spirit Week

A New Twist Brings Positive Results



Representing the class of 2009, Sophomores Colton Henry and Tony Lucas strike a pose. "Sophomores are the best," Lucas said. "We really got into the parade this year."

Throwing candy to the crowd, Sophomores Kendall Bonick, Samantha Serwacki, and Lauren Evans smiled as the class of 2009 showed off its float. "I love the Homecoming parade," said Bonick. "It's a chance for the classes to show off their floats and compete to see which class can dominate the others."



As the Varsity Football team rides on top of the fire truck in the Homecoming Parade, Senior Sam Vesely points to the crowd. "Everyone was really pumped up this year," Vesely said.

Wanting to dominate our opponents

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS



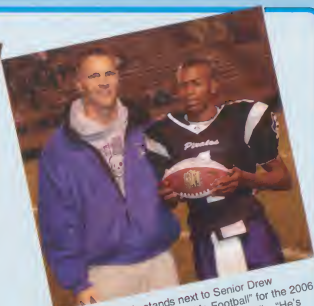
Being the only Senior dancer on the squad this year, Carla Emmett waves to the crowd. "It's sad that it's almost over," Emmett said. "I can't believe we're seniors."

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announcing ing floats R PIRATES spirit week



As Senior Rebecca Hoffman puts the crown on Senior Maritsa Escalante's head, she smiles with an overwhelming feeling as she is announced this year's Homecoming queen. "I honestly didn't think that I was going to win," said Escalante. "But I'm happy that I won." Homecoming court nominees were Maritsa Escalante, Barbara Swetlik, Anaceli Babelonia, Shannon Williams, and Pamela Johnson.



Coach Zac Wells stands next to Senior Drew Dawson after he is named "Mr. Football" for the 2006 season. "He deserves it," said Coach Wells. "He's earned the title and is one of the hardest working players on the team." "I'm excited that I won," said Dawson. "But at the same time, I'm sad that high school is over."

The halls were bursting with Pirate Pride during Spirit Week. Student Government, along with the help of administration, teamed up to put a 180 degree spin on this week-long event.

Disregarding the dress-up days, such as "70's and twin day, Student Government took it upon themselves to implement a change.

"We wanted to boost school spirit this year, and in my opinion, the dress up days just didn't encourage students to support their team. So we [SG executive board] made an executive decision and dress up days were out," Student Government President Senior Cynthia Diaz said.

Hallways A, B, C and D were assigned to the four different classes. Classes were instructed to decorate their hallways with the theme of Pirate Spirit.

Along with decorating the hallways, classes were asked to create a large banner to hang behind the goal posts on game night.

Student Government members and a few of the main office secretaries judged the banners and hallways, then combined the scores to find the winner of the first ever 'Who's Got Spirit' Homecoming Contest.

"I really think that most students enjoyed the decorations more than dress up days. It got everyone pumped for the game on Friday. Even though some students complained about the absence of dress up days, all in all the whole school was more unified because of 'Who's Got Spirit'," Diaz said.

Changes were prominent during this year's Spirit Week. Not only was a new

contest added to the festivities, but a new game was added to the Goofy Games and a favorite was eliminated.

Student Government added a new game called Puppy Chow. This eating game saw contestants savoring a mixture of chili with beans, Vienna sausages and doggie steak treats mixed and packed into each compartment of a double-sided dog bowl.

Two students from each class were asked to get on their hands and knees to fish out the steak treats in each compartment of the bowl. Sixteen treats were placed in each bowl, and the fastest team to find eight treats would win a point for their class.

"It was fun. The chili didn't taste too good, but it was fun," Freshman Madison Coffield said.

Student Government hopes to add Puppy Chow permanently to the list of other Goofy Games which includes Giant Twister, Balloon Toss, Pantyhose Race and Pudding Slide.

To go along with the other changes, a popular part of Spirit Week was eliminated. The Car Smash, which had been around for many years, was eliminated.

"I was upset that the Car Smash was eliminated. It was the first time I would have done it," Junior Aleksandar Trajkovski said.

Although the Car Smash was eliminated and this angered many students, Spirit Week in general pleased many people.

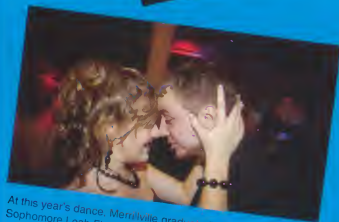
"There are things that we know we have to work on," Diaz said, "but Spirit Week was great and I am glad we decided to change things up a bit."





"Homecoming was definitely a night to remember." Senior Madeline Govert said. "I'm happy that I was able to hang out with my friends and boyfriend." Senior Jeff Beason and Govert have gone to the past three homecoming dances.

As Junior Amanda Gonzalez takes a picture. Sophomores Kayla Meeloy and Katie Banashek pose for a picture. "My friends and I had so much fun. I hope next year's is just as exciting," said Meeloy.



At this year's dance, Merrillville graduate Ryan Poznaniec and Sophomore Leah Floyd seemed to get lost in the moment. "Being there with Ryan was so special to me," Floyd said.



Listening to the beat of the music. Seniors Gregory Branham and Natalie Bryson dance in each other's arms. "Homecoming was a lot of fun. It was cool being with my girlfriend and friends," Branham said.

Caribbean

Heat

Homecoming 2006

While Senior Maritza Escalante holds boyfriend, Senior Giovanni Macapagal, in her arms as they slow dance, Escalante smiles. "I had so much fun at homecoming. I'm sad that this was the last one Escalante said.



Best Friends

Bright Lights

Dancing the night

September



Dancing, music, Caribbean heat. Homecoming 2006 could have been the best place to find all three of those things in one night.

"Homecoming 2006 Caribbean Heat was very successful," Student Government sponsor Mr. Nicholas Petralia said.

Many different responses were heard from the students the next week.

"This was my first dance at MHS, and it turned out to be a very good time," Sophomore Tony Barnes said.

Junior Megan Lovick also agreed she had fun.

"It was a memorable experience for me and I took lots of pictures so I can always remember it," she said.

As the students gathered in the fieldhouse with all the colorful, bright decorations, and loud music. Saturday September 30 was the night.

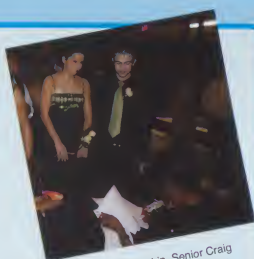
"It took about three to four weeks planning and twelve hours all day that Saturday morning" Mr. Petralia said. "This year contained the most students ever to show up."

In preparation for the dance Barnes said, "It took me two and a half hours to shower, shave, get a hair cut, and get dressed."

On the other hand, in a girl's perspective, Lovick said, "It took me all day to straighten my hair, get a manicure/pedicure, do my make up and get dressed."



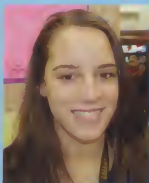
While holding boyfriend, Merrillville graduate Brian Timmons in her arms, Senior Amy Gurney smiles while dancing to a slow song. "He made the night so special," Gurney said. "It was a good last Homecoming."



Waiting to be checked-in, Senior Craig Marshall and his date, Junior Lindsay Taylor of Oswego East High School stand in line. "It was fun dancing with my friends and girlfriend my senior year," Marshall said.



"Homecoming wasn't fun at all because most of my friends did not attend." Freshman Sean Schafer said.



"Dancing with all my friends, and listening to the music." Freshman Emily Kurczynski said.



"Dancing with the German exchange student Rebecca Van Wicken." Junior Joshua Crayne said.

ictures
DANCE
away
Friends
Out to dinner

Boys & Girls

Underclassmen enjoy a dance just for them



With her arm around the waist of a friend, Freshman Xochitl Logan poses for a picture. The best part about Winter Formal was just dancing with my friends and having fun," Logan said.

While sitting at a table with her friends, Sophomore Amanda Spudis watches the rest of the people dancing. "I am not much of a fan of school dances so I was not very excited about attending," Spudis said. "But it turned out to be a lot of fun."



"When I first arrived to the Winter Formal all I could think was I hope that my friends are here," Sophomore Sarah Barnack said. She attended the dance with friends.



"The best part about the winter formal was just talking with friends and being with my girlfriend," Sophomore Nolan Solomon said. He arrives at the dance with his date, Vickie Kellman, a junior from Lake Central High School.



After being crowned Sophomore Queen, Sabrina Haaland-Ramer and her date embrace in a hug. "I was excited because I have never won an award like that before," Haaland-Ramer said.



Wearing a tiara after being crowned Freshman Winter Formal Queen, Freshman Jessica Cooper enjoys a dance with her date, Freshman Tony Pena. "I had no idea I was going to win," Cooper said. "I was very surprised."

Upon entering high school, most students look forward to prom night, where they will be able to spend a glamorous evening singing and dancing with classmates and close friends. Since prom is a dance mainly for upperclassmen, FCCLA began holding the Freshman/Sophomore Winter Formal about six years ago to give the underclassmen an evening they can call their own.

FCCLA member Senior Whitney Griggs believes that having the Winter Formal is extremely important. "I think that having a dance for the younger classes is good because that way they'll feel welcomed when they come to high school," Griggs said. "Most of them don't have the opportunity or the money to go to prom, so this is a chance for them to dress up and have fun."

Ms. Carol VonBehren, the FCCLA sponsor, agrees with Griggs. "The Winter Formal is the first dance just for the younger students. Everyone is allowed to go to homecoming, while prom is just for juniors and seniors," VonBehren said.

Many students who attended the Winter Formal, like Sophomore Lorielle Johnson, also went to the Homecoming dance in the fall.

Johnson said "I went to Homecoming earlier this year, but the Winter Formal was a lot of fun, too. I think more people

need to know about it, but I was with my friends so I had fun either way."

Students like Johnson made a day of the dance, pampering themselves before and going out with friends afterwards. "Before the dance, I got my hair, nails and toes done. After spending time at the dance, my group of friends went out to eat. It was a lot of fun," Johnson said.

Along with all of the singing and dancing, one of the most memorable moments of the evening was the crowning of the Freshman and Sophomore Queens, Jessica Cooper and Sabrina Haaland-Ramer, respectively. Unlike most other dances, every girl at the Winter Formal has a chance of winning the crown. "All girls who buy tickets are put on two separate ballots for freshmen and sophomores. When the students come in, they vote at the door. This way, every girl is considered," Ms. VonBehren said.

Johnson said her favorite moment was one spent on the dance floor. "When the song 'We Fly High' came on, my friends and I started dancing and going crazy. It was so much fun."

Overall, the night was a complete success. "I thought that the whole dance went really well," Griggs said. "They should definitely keep it around so that the underclassmen have something to look forward to."



"The Winter Formal is something that I will always remember because it was the first Merrillville dance that I ever went to," Sophomore Jasmine Woods said. Woods posed for a picture along with her friends.

Dancing up a storm

Dance grows
to region-wide event



New this year to the dance was a projection screen that allowed people at the dance to watch music videos and to watch themselves dancing. Kiara Smith said her favorite part of the dance was dancing with Russell Parkhurst and watching the video screen. Smith said it took her about an hour to get ready because she had her hair and nails done.



Helping get Erin Coughlin ready to have her picture taken by Glorias Photographers is Mrs. Julie Althouse. Now in her sixth year as a para-professional, Mrs. Althouse works with the special education students as a job coach. "I've attended the dance many times," she said. "It's fun, a lot like the prom is for seniors. It's a very special dance for the kids."



The cafeteria was decorated and music played for students from MHS, Crown Point, Lowell and River Forest high schools.



Tenita Jamison and a Crown Point High School student dance to the music during the annual dance sponsored by the FCCLA for special education students.

Moving to what he calls the "punching bag," Jonathan Satkoski dances alongside Nathan Barnes at the Inclusion Dance. Satkoski said he enjoyed listening to the music, but his favorite part of the dance was seeing old friends from Crown Point and Lowell high schools. Satkoski has come to the dance for three years, and he said when it was over this year, "My legs were tired."

I started as a small activity for the students and then just grew," FCCLA sponsor Ms. Carol Von Behren said. "We thought we needed more supervised special ed activities."

Twelve years ago, FCCLA sponsored the dance as just a small get together. Since then, it has grown into a region-wide annual dance. Now, students from Crown Point, Lowell, Calumet and River Forest high schools come and dance the night away every year. The Basketball Team goes to hang out as well. Ms. Von Behren said some graduates come back for the dance every year.

"There is always a time when they just stop going," Ms. Von Behren said. "They just have to make the decision on their own."

After being excited about the dance for two weeks, all Terrance Johnson needed was a haircut.

"I already had an outfit and shoes," Johnson said. "I really didn't need anything else."

For Aeriol Smith, a few more

things were needed.

"I got my hair done, and Julie Allshouse did my nails," Smith said. "My favorite thing was my red dress."

This year, the dance had a new DJ who brought a screen to watch music videos.

"I liked the TV the best," Johnson said. "I love the song by Young Jeezy."

"I loved dancing with all the girls," Darrius White said, who was not camera shy at the dance. He said he took a picture with almost everybody.

Smith loved meeting all the people from different schools and getting to dance with them. She said she is looking forward to coming back this time next year after graduation for the dance.

Along with this dance, the three other schools have activities throughout the year and invite the other schools.

"For all these events," Ms. Von Behren said, "it is very rewarding for everyone that is involved."



At his first dance, Kearo Adams and his friend, Calumet High School student Clinque Pruitt, boogie to the music. Kearo said his favorite part of the dance was dancing and seeing his old friends. About 80 students from several local high schools joined students from MHS.



As Russell Parkhurst break dances, more people come in the door, including members of the boys' Basketball Team. Parkhurst said the best part of the dance was having many people at the dance. Those who attended the dance were treated to door prizes and gift bags.

'On A Night Like This'



For the final round of "Couples' Fear Factor," Sophomore William Costakis and Senior Rigoberto Zambrano race down the basketball court to tag their dates for the next part of the challenge. This event took place at the Senior-Faculty Game April 20. "I ran as fast as I could in that fat sumo wrestler suit to win free prom tickets and a free dinner," Zambrano said.

"My favorite part of Prom was walking in the Grand March, smiling, waving, and having people see us look great," Senior Cameron Jones said. It took only fifteen minutes for Jones to get ready the day of Prom, and three weeks to get all other details prepared. Jones and his date, Junior Kristen Hoyles have been dating for five months.



On the arms of Senior Giovanni Macapagal, Senior Maritsa Escalante and Junior Clarissa Escalante walk down the aisle during the Grand March. "Having two girls on my arm felt good, but being with my best friend Maritsa was the best part of the night," Macapagal said.



"Dancing with my girlfriend and seeing everybody together all dressed up was the best part of the night," Senior Brian Pucher said. Dancing at Avalon Manor are Pucher and his date from Crown Point High School Junior Marija Radiceska.

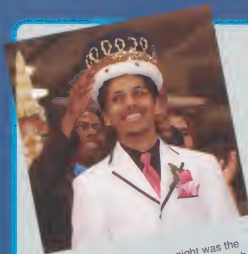


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With "The Cha-Cha Slide" playing, Senior Alexander Ponce and Junior Ashley McKnight clap to the beat. "I was excited and had tons of fun. It was Ashley and my first Prom," Ponce said. "I was happy I was able to go with someone special to me."

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"My favorite part of prom night was the crowning ceremony at the Grand March," crowning Junior Pedro Lara said. The crowning ceremony took place at 6:15 p.m. where Senior Drew Dawson passed the crown to Lara. "For me to win was definitely unexpected, and I was extremely shocked," Lara said.



"I thought Mr. (Mark) Ciesielski was lying when he said I was nominated," Junior Jalyssa King said. The queen for 2005-2006 prom, Senior Angela Cast, passed the crown to King. "Many people said they were voting for me, but it was still a great surprise," King said.

When I was younger, I saw my older brothers attend Prom, and it made me want to grow up and attend my own senior Prom, with a perfect night filled with perfect people," Senior Cassandra Adler said.

School let out at 11 a.m. May 11, and the race was on to complete any last minute touches.

The evening began at 6 p.m. with the Grand March in the gym. The theme was "On a Night Like This," and many were counting on having an unforgettable evening.

"I was looking forward to the Grand March and eating dinner the most," Junior Roosevelt Williams said.

Last year's Prom King and Queen, Seniors Drew Dawson and Angela Cast passed their crowns and glory to the winners, Pedro Lara and Jalyssa King.

"Being nominated and being on stage

was just the first part, but I must say the crowning is what made the night," Lara said.

When the Grand March finished, the couples filed into their limos, cars and party buses, and they were on their way to the dance at Avalon Manor. Once the couples arrived, many options awaited them. Some headed straight to the dance floor, while others ate and took pictures with Gicolas Studio.

As the dance came to an end, many guests headed for their dinner reservations, while others enjoyed post-prom parties. From there, some couples went on to spend the rest of the weekend at Six Flags, Cedar Point, Navy Pier, indoor water parks and campgrounds.

"Overall, I think that Prom was a night to remember," Senior Natasha Djukic said. "My friends and I had such a good time."



The garter of Senior Lauren Stacks is wrapped around the head of boyfriend Junior Andrew Kepchar. "We had such a perfect night together. I was just happy to be with Lauren, and she looked so good," Kepchar said. Senior Angela Cast smiles at her boyfriend, Sophomore William Costakis, as they dance.

Leaders of our classes



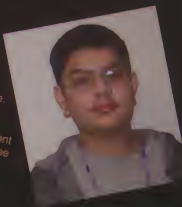
"My goal as a member was to enrich the student body and add flavor to the organization of school activities and events."
Senior Class President
Jafar Abdul-Hafiz



"Student government is my passion. I joined in hopes of promoting the importance of leadership. I was fortunate enough to become class president."
Junior Class President
David Bonilla



"More people should be involved. Our school would be a lot better if there were."
Sophomore Class President
Samantha Serwacki



"We need to make sure everyone has a chance here. We need people involved so our school excels."
Freshman Class President
Najeb Arifee

Senior Class Officers



Front Row: Ashish Arshanapalli, Jacqueline Miller, Ashlee Holland, Jafar Abdul-Hafiz; Back Row: Sponsors Mr. James Stamper and Mr. Anthony Hofer

Junior Class Officers



Jessica Boursier, Chantrice Cade, David Bonilla

Sophomore Class Officers



Caitlyn Spires, Samantha Serwacki, Hanneleire Reynolds

Freshman Class Officers



Pauline Laorden, Deborah Ohiani-Jegede, Mohammad Arifee, Sarah Martin



Front Row: Desiree Walker, Pauline Laorden, Samantha Serwacki, Mary Kathleen Dixon, Simone Howard; Second Row: Jessica Boursier, Hannelore Reynolds, Caitlyn Spires, Lauren Payne, Ashlee Holland, Richard Reddick III; Third Row: Megan Lovick, Jacqueline Miller, Ashley Munchenburg, David Bonilla, Deborah Ohiani-Jegede; Back Row: Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Sponsor Mr. Nicholas Petralia; Not Pictured: Crystal Hernandez

Student Government is a club that any student may join. The club meets Wednesdays immediately after school.

"The meetings do not last long and they are always a lot of fun," Junior Megan Lovick said.

This was history teacher Mr. Nicholas Petralia's first year as a sponsor. Student Government hosted the District One Workshop, where students from the District One attended workshops on leadership.

"You can learn a lot from others, so I really enjoyed the

workshops we did to learn about and meet new people," Senior Mary Kathleen Dixon said.

Also Student Government sponsored the food drive and collected 3,000 canned goods and \$500 for homeless shelters.

"It is a great thing to know people care enough to donate food and money for the less fortunate," Junior Crystal Hernandez said.

Along with the food drive, Student Government also organized the Homecoming Dance and Parade.



"Student Government provides me a great chance to connect with students outside the classroom."

Sponsor
Mr. Nicholas Petralia



"I thought it would be fun to be the president. I also wanted to see how it felt to be in charge."

Senior
Cynthia Diaz



"Helping people is what I like to do. Being vice president also gives me the opportunity to be president next year."

Junior
Pedro Lara

Executive Officers



Mary Kathleen Dixon, Lauren Payne, Simone Howard; Not Pictured: Pedro Lara, Cynthia Diaz

Socially Together And Naturally Diverse



Front Row: Marissa Anderson, Scott Johnson, Kendra Smith, Tawana Hays, Darnell Griffin, Jacob Holcomb, Dwayne Walker, Omar Haley, Jeremiah Tubbs, Sayand Ray, Nicole Farris, Marissa Farris, Courtney Gossard, Courtney Bargfeld, Emerald Dymally, Lauren Payne, Eniola Akinrinade, Caitlyn Jones, Whitney Williams, Lisa Pharris, Fred Rose, Myrona Gossard, Kyrin Reed, Kourtney Thomas, Crystal Hollingsworth, Joshua Holcomb, Krista Nicholson, Myaesta Bryant, Denzell Williams, Raymona Shumate, Doreen Twinn, Back Row: Annmarie Jones, Wesley Young, Burnette Rasmussen, Michael Price, Kanysha Odoms, Jamar Chacue Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Justin W. Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Courtney Warner, Courtney Allen, Lauren, Marissa Wright.

One of the most active groups, Socially Together and Naturally Diverse (STAND) works to create a better environment for the students who attend Merrillville Community School.

STAND has its origins at Clifford Pierce Middle School in 1997 with the former principal and current board member, Mrs. Linda Joniatas.

It spread to Merrillville High School in 2002 and since then members have sponsored clothing drives for local shelters, walked to raise funds for breast cancer research, mentored needy elementary students, planned activities for Black History Month and hosted the International Dinner

and poetry readings.

"We believe having people diverse to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their differences," member Danny Lackey said.

Many events focus on trying to eliminate prejudices in the community and getting people to realize the consequences of their actions.

"My favorite thing to do in STAND was the International Dinner because of the diversity of the community and the variety of entertainment and food. All of the members have a lot of fun when we go," Junior Kortney Nicholson said.



Before their performance, Junior Irene Lopez and Jonathon Wallace rehearse their waltz for the final performance of STAND's International Dinner. "I was nervous to go in front of a big group of people and perform, but we all did well and had fun," Lopez said.

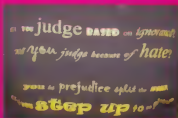


Having practiced since January, Senior Eniola Akinrinade and partner Sophomore Jerry Holcomb are ready to perform their Latin dance at STAND's International Dinner. "Stand helps promote diversity and creates a safe haven for people to express different points of view," Akinrinade said.

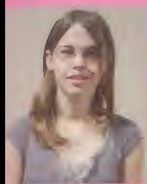


The musical sounds of Velvet Sky fill the Pierce Cafeteria; the musical group of six months performs at various special events to provide musical entertainment. "My favorite part of performing is seeing the look on people's faces before and after," senior Daniel Sparks said. "With no nerves and much excitement," Senior Jafar Abdul Hafiz waits anxiously to perform. "I feel pretty relaxed because it's not a first time for me. I was anxious though, I'm always anxious to perform."

DAY of SILENCE



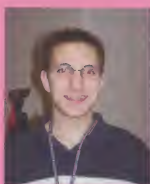
With violins in hand, Juniors Kristan Hoyle and Irene Lopez play their rendition of "Scottish Mist." "I had so much fun playing a duet with Irene," Hoyle said. "I really liked how they acknowledged the different cultures at the dinner."



Sarah Martin, freshman



Pedro Lara, junior



Nolan Solomon, junior
2007-08 Key Club President

Key Club



"This [Key Club] a great experience. You can meet a lot of new people. It feels good to help out."

"Helping others is the key to success. I believe it's important to build one's character."

"I started doing Key Club projects when I was four. My sisters were both active. I can remember working on the float for the 4th of July parade."

The 2006-2007 school year proved to be a busy year for members of Key Club.

To kick off the school year, members held the annual **Carin Tukey Carnival for Kids** in October. The Carnival earned the **Camp Riley Donation Award**. The award was presented to the Club at the Indiana District Key Club Convention in March.

The club also won the **Distinguished Club Award**, **Partners in Service Award**, **Monthly Reports Award**, **Early Bird Dues** (paid) and **Nontraditional Yearbook Award** (second place). Mrs. Carrie Bedwell was named **Most Outstanding Key Club adviser for Indiana**.

Members also sponsored projects for **UNICEF**, **March of Dimes**, **Children's Miracle Network** and the **High Five for Health** initiative.

Key Club members make regular trips to soup kitchens and nursing homes. Every December, the Club hosts a **District Opened** meeting to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for children in needy families.

Key Club also hosted a **Chili Cook-Off** to raise money for the **Lupus Fund**. The Club raised \$4132 for the **Lupus Foundation**. Key Club annually hosts a **Prom Fashion Show** and a **Senior Citizen Prom**.

Key Club President **Senior Cynthia Ware** said, "Every member, no matter how long he or she has been involved in Key Club, feels a great satisfaction of helping those in need."



Back Row: Danielle Walker, Candace Hanson, David Meilin, Kellie Barnes, Cassandra Green, Angela Scott, Ryan, Suzanne, Mary Kuehn, Dean, Payton Johnson, Lillian Richards, Back Row: Senior Mrs. Carrie Bedwell, Ellen Diaz, Heidi Dix, Not Pictured: Crystal Alexander, Pedro Lara, Carrie Meyer.



An extraordinary 1st Key Club Festival was held at the University of Indiana. Key Club members served food and drinks to the community. Key Club members were also responsible for the new members for 2007.



Members of Key Club attended the 2007 Indiana District Key Club Convention in West Lafayette, Indiana. The members were two service projects and a service project. The members were also responsible for the new members for 2007. Pedro Lara was the new governor of the Indiana District.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

*Our mission
"Develop citizens of character
dedicated
to serving
their nation and community."*

Joe Perkins

Front Row: Brittanni Thomas, Amber Barnes,
Danielle Kacmar, Crystal Valant; Second Row:
Matthew Steele, Thomas Dalton, Jeremy West,
Luv-Joy Spencer; Back Row: Joel Fies, John Perkins



Robert McKee

Front Row: Lindsey Tobin, Keiko Cooley,
Damonique Love, Ikela Dean, Michelle Minard;
Back Row: Berman Norwood,
Norkiesha Toney, Robert McKee



John Perkins

Marsha West, Danielle Kacmar, John Perkins,
Jacqueline Alvarez

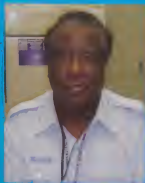
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2019-2020 JROTC Team

Front Row: Keiko Cooley, Lindsey Tobin, Dominique Love, Shapree Jackson; Second Row: Daven Walker, James Long, Tevin Pearson; Back Row: Kieran McKibbin, Bermon Norwood, Robert McKee



Front Row: Amber Barnes, Keiko Cooley, Crystal Valant; Back Row: Thomas Dalton, Luv-Joy Spencer, Jeremy West, John Perkins



Q: How does this program benefit the students?

A: "This program teaches the students leadership, teamwork and a sense of pride."

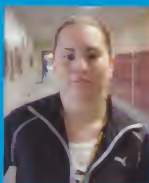
Sgt. Michael Miller



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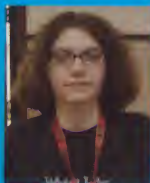
Maj. Guy Rainey



Q: What advice can you give to the new commander?

A: "It is very important to stay positive and always look forward."

Senior Marsha West



Q: What do you plan for next year?

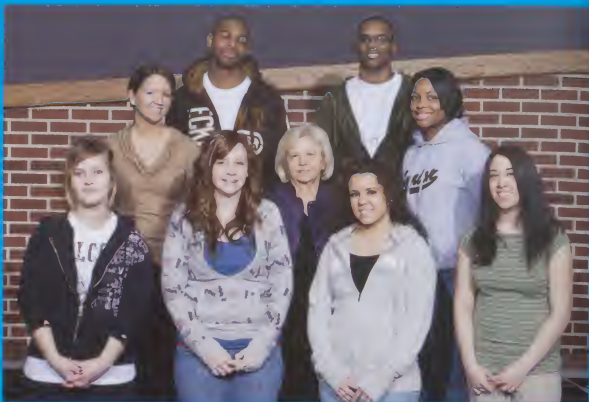
A: "We would like to add new events that include the school and community."

Junior Danielle Kacmar

HERO

Working for the grade

Front Row: Paula Ketchum, Caitlyn Church, Kadi Picard, Jessica Valant; Second Row: Sponsors Ms. Amy Conover and Ms. Carol VonBehren, LaChaz McLucas; Back Row: David Shelton, Stephen Scott



FCCLA

Leading by example

Front Row: Karreen Allen, Molly Delacruz, Cherelle Dunn, Whitney Griggs; Second Row: Jenece Johnson, Sponsors Ms. Carol Von Behren and Ms. Amy Conover; Back Row: Michael Rivera, Benjamin Tapper



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Aktion Club

Helping the Community



Front Row: Jonathan Satkoski, Kiara Smith, Aerial Smith; Second Row: Ryan Knight, Krystal Greene, Terrance Johnson, Russell Parkhurst; Back Row: Darius White, Justin Burgess, Dwayne Tucker, Mrs. Barb Dlouhy

Special Olympics

You Gotta Work It Out!



Front Row: Jonathan Satkoski, Terrance Johnson, Ramina Somy, Anastasia Early, Derrian Baker; Second Row: Jordan Johnson, Russell Parkhurst, Dwayne Tucker, Victoria DeSoto, Annette Brandon; Back Row: Coach Benjamin Spires, Darius White, Nathan Barnes Jr., Ryan Knight, Coach Mike Knight

Future Educators of America

Deborah C. Smith, M.Ed., is a teacher.

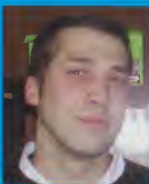


Science Club

David R. Smith, M.Ed., is a teacher.

Deborah C. Smith, M.Ed., is a teacher.

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"Being a student
desire to teach to
inspire."

Mr. James Stalper



"I enjoy all levels of science,
including Science Olympiad
and everything else that
covers science."

Mr. Ben Hauber

Chess Club

Chess is a game of strategy and skill. It is a game that has been played for centuries and is still popular today. Chess is a game that can be played by anyone, regardless of age or gender. It is a game that can be played anywhere, anytime. Chess is a game that can be played by anyone, regardless of age or gender. It is a game that can be played anywhere, anytime.

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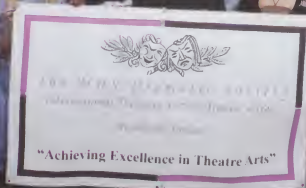


I enjoy playing the game
of chess.

Senior Donald, Jr.

What do
you enjoy about
your club?

Thespians



Thespians is a group of students who are interested in theatre arts. They participate in various activities throughout the year, including plays, musicals, and skits. The group is led by Mr. Henrikson, who provides guidance and support to the students. The students are passionate about their craft and work hard to create high-quality performances. They also participate in competitions and events, representing their school and community. The Thespians group is a great way for students to develop their skills and interests in theatre arts.

"Once Upon a Mattress"

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'Driving Miss Daisy'



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'The Dinner'

C.C. Showers and Jennie Mae Layman, played by Sophomores Anthony Barnes and Caitlyn Spires, try to calm Buddy Layman of his fear of water. Junior Douglas Domikaitis, who played the character



of Buddy Layman, said he spent many long hours preparing for his role. "I rehearsed everyday in class and then a few more hours after school for about a month," Domikaitis said. "The play ended well but I'm sad it's over because it was the most fun I've had in a play," Barnes said.



Ferris Layman, played by Sophomore Elliot Foley, and Basil Bennett, played by Freshman Mitchell Sobczak, fix a flat tire on their bicycle. "The whole play production was really fun, but I wish that we would have had more than two performances," Sobczak said. The play inspired many of the performers. "Everyone in the play was talented and that inspired me to try my hardest," Foley said.



Melvin Wilder and Dewey Maples are searching for the perfect spot to dig a water hole. Freshman Kathleen Towry and Patricia Millard played the roles of Melvin and Dewey. "This is my first year in the Drama Club and I've had a lot of fun," Towry said. The technical theater class finished the trimester with the production of this play as their final.



Alexandria Private Athletic Club

Front Row: Simone Howard, Kamisha Titus, Laurie Howkins, Courtney Bargfeldt; Second Row: Courtney Jones, Brandon Fies, Sponsor Miss Spiro; Back Row: Jarad Abdul-Hafiz, Jafar Abdul-Hafiz; Not Pictured: Neven Holland, John Goosby III, Alan Camper, Vanessa Alexander, James Gedda

French Club & Spanish Club



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Front Row: Desiree Walker, Karrean Allen; Back Row: Lauren Parris, Christopher Crawford



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Front Row: Cassandra Jones, Caitlyn Kotul, Nicole Tarulis, Sabrina Smith-Griggs, Rachel Drapeau, Sponsor Mr. Stoner; Back Row: Steven Guzek, Brett Johnston, Jeremy Zelienga, Daniel Gronli, Charles Mihail, Rufus Nelson, Clarence Powell, Zachary Swierc, Alexander Konecny, Jonathan Sturgeon; Not Pictured: Steven Hadt, Mohammad Arifee, Kelsey Beshears



Front Row: Brian Acosta, Ashley Douglan, Desicay Brown, Jamal Williams; Back Row: Patrick Kobbert, Kenny Albee, Joseph Matczak, Romorn Ezersky, Amorn Garner- Poston

German Club & Russian Club



SADD

*Increasing awareness of
drug and alcohol problems*

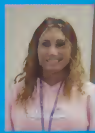
Front Row: Amy Vargas, Christina Lobodinski; Second Row: Hannah Watkins,
Ashley Munchenburg, Desirée Walker Back Row: Sponsor Mrs. Erin Flores, Daniela Rios



Bowling

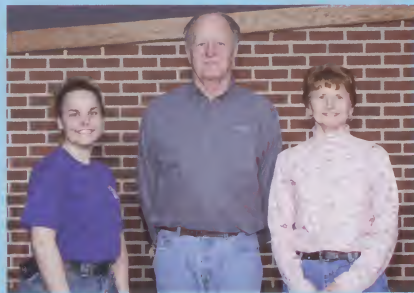
Keeping clean the opponent

Front Row: Jillian Larson, Caitlyn Kotul, Kimberly Coates; Back Row: Brandon Taylor,
Dwayne Wright, Aaron Curtis, Guy Weiss, Sean Schafer



"This was the first year
that we got second in
Conference."

Lauren Hallenbeck
Senior

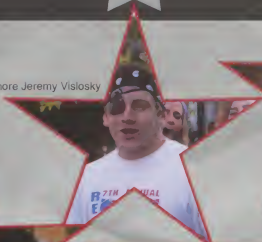




Senior Brandon Usher and
Sophomore Taylor Wright



Sophomore Jeremy Vislosky



Freshman Alaina Torres



Junior Taylor Madison

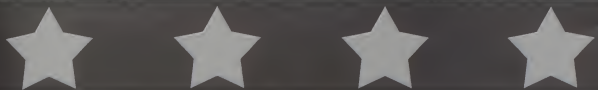


Freshman Kimberly Coates

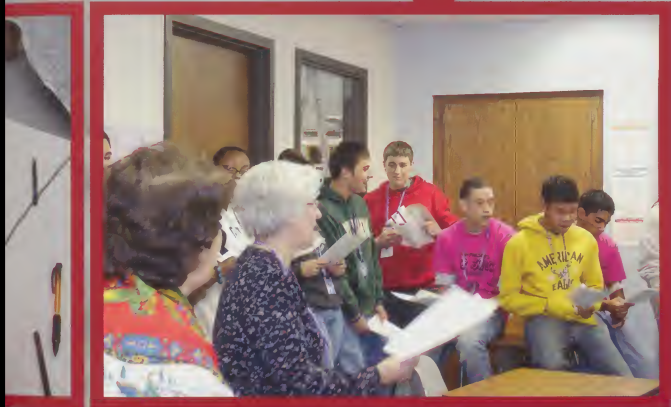


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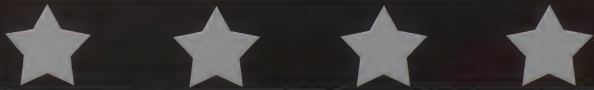


People

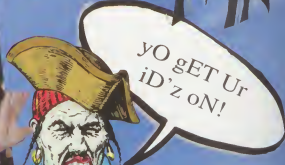


Drawing colorful pictures is one of Sophomore James Allen's favorite past times. "I have been drawing since I was two years old," Allen said. Allen was in the Drawing class, a portion of Advanced Two-Dimensional Art, taught by Mrs. Janet Anderson. The class focuses on elements and principles of art, drawing styles and techniques.

With Christmas song sheets in their hands and smiles on their faces, Mrs. Evelyn Steiner's Spanish IV class travels to Mrs. Teresa Proctor's English class. "Singing to the different classes was very festive. Everyone really got into the Christmas spirit." Senior Patrick Carden said, "especialy Los peces en el río." Caroling in Spanish to different classes is a tradition with the Spanish IV class originally started by Mrs. Josefina Poropat.



FRESHMEN



UPPER CLASSMEN JUST
JEALOUS CAUSE
--<<WE GOT THAT>>
FRESHNESS





DeAnna Abel
Christina Adams
Dabbie Adams
Marlan Ahmad
Alexis Alamillo
Stephen Alexander
Alexandria Allen
Bethany Allen



Dominique Allen
Marcus Allen
Jason Alvarez
Alexander Andino
Michael Andomowski
Nicholas Andrzejewski
Mohammad Arifeo
Kylie Armstrong



Daria Arthur
Valenti Atlas
Juan Aguilas
Steven Bailey
Amber Balz
Robert Balash
Jonathan Bandy
Kathleen Baran



Walter Barrenea
Jasmine Barfield
Chane Barkodala
Dominika Barnea
Robert Barris
Ciana Bartoe
Alex Bassen
Joshua Belko



Avram Bell
Jaylen Bentley
Paxton Berlanga
Kamestra Beas
Amber Biddings
Amanda Bislak
Hilliard Black
Angel Blakemore



Joseph Bond
Darnell Bowman
Brandon Brack



Naudia Bradley
Annette Brandon
Ashley Brido



Joseph Brignott
Nicole Brinley
James Brodie



Kesmya Brookina
Jessica Brooks
Rukiya Brooks

A little Advice from the Seniors...

"Don't underestimate yourself. When you reach your senior year, you regret not getting those few extra points in English or geometry. I hope your freshman year was full of hard work and fun. You just have to learn how to balance everything."

-Blaise Mitchell 12

"What I would like to say to the freshman is stay out of the way and respect your elders. Make sure you work hard from the beginning and as the years pass it will become easier."

-Christina Lobodinski, 12

"I would say to the freshman that they should choose their friends wisely, stay out of drama and surround your self with positive people. Stay involved in extra-curricular activities, they keep you humble and grounded."

-Ariella Anderson, 12

"LET ME START OFF BY SAYING WHEN YOU COME TO THIS SCHOOL DON'T THINK YOU ARE HATED. YOU ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE 70% FEAR, AND HAVE TO WORK YOUR WAY UP. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM OR FORGIVE THEM. DON'T BE A HOME BODY, GET OUT AND TRAVEL UP."

-Codi DALLAN, 12

Freshman

Tamasha Bricks
Miesha Brown
Monia Brown
Tamera Brown
Patel Bryant



Agrynia Buchanan
Mark Buchanan
Colin Burke
Daniel Burns
Deven Burton



Tyler Butler
Clifford Byrdon Jr.
Titus Cade
Sarah Cadena
Kareena Caldwell



Aziza Calloway
Crystal Calloway
Justin Cannon
Augusta Carneygo
Tiffany Carneygo



Nathaniel Carter
Michelle Cavazos
Dylan Certe
Maghan Cervantes
Christopher Charleston



Courtney Cieslak
Christopher Clark
Asia Clayton
Trevelle Clark
Kimberly Coates



Arlene Cobb
Diamond Cody
Madison Coffield
Richard Coleman
Brianna Collins



Brandy Comer
Kenneth Comer
Steven Condes
Alexis Connolly
Woodie Conner



Janet Contreras
Keiko Cooley
Deandra Cooper



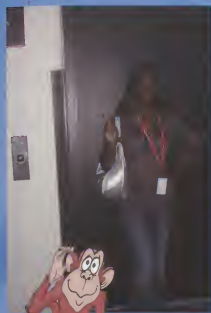
This one guy told me never to buy
skunkan pants. It never happened and
I still don't know what it means.
—Unique Jeter



People said seniors dance
through the hallways

—Steven Condes

Myths



*I heard seniors give
atomic wedgies*

-Theo Makouras



Michael Cooper
Stephanie Corrajo
Gabriela Corrajo
Ashley Cowser
Steven Crages

Andrew Craig
Louis Craig
David Cross
Martina Cruz
Reinaldo Cruz

Jasmine Cummings
Jonathan Curry
Stephen Denzy
Bryanna Davis
Renada Davis

Timothy Davis
Christiana Deane
Jerome DeJesse
Dianus DeLeon
Eduardo DeLuna

Zachary DeRolf
Efrain Diaz
Julia Diolen
Angelica Dix
Angela Dominick

Janika Donald
Elizabeth Douglas
Vasanti Dornay
Parker Douglas
Ashley Douglas

Rachel Drapcoe
Danielle Duke
Henry Dunlap
Deborah Dusik
Christian Echols

Ch'pre Eddie
Sharaine Edge
Mahogena Edmond
Steven Edmond
Dorrell Edwards

Zachary Edwards
Marques Elliott
Miko Engsthorfer
Alissa Epling

Princi 'PAL'

Q Sum yourself up in one sentence.

A I spent the biggest part of my life around kids, trying to make a difference. Some I have. Some I haven't made a difference.

Q Sum yourself up in one word.

A Grandpa

Q If you won \$10 million, what would you do with it?

A I would take care of the people who took care of me: my two kids and three closest friends.

Q If you were not a principle, what other profession would you have considered?

A I grew up on a farm and wanted to be a farmer. The deciding factor was the philosophy of Ruby Paine. For a child to get out of poverty and not lack money. My skills in football and schooling got me a scholarship to Eastern Illinois University, and that is how I got my education and began working as a principal instead of being a farmer.

Q On a scale of 1 to 10, what would you rate you self overall?

A No one is over a 10. I don't think I'm the worst person. My friends can count on me, but to rate yourself I couldn't do that.

Although, I would like to think my family believes I'm a ten.

Q What is one thing your students do not know about you.

A Students see me differently. I can be kind and caring, but they don't see that too often.

Q Compare freshman of 2010 to the freshmen of 2007.

A I'm not seeing those types of students. It takes maturity that I haven't seen in this year's ninth graders.

Q Your most over used phrase is...

A What do you think I am? A yard gnome?

Q What are your hobbies?

A If you cannot shoot it, ride it, catch it, skin it, I'm not interested in it!



Asha Eskow
Briana Evans
La'Keita Evans
Michael Fabrig



Katlyn Farmer
Richard Farr
Charlette Feagin
Kirstin Feign



Byron Ferrell
Angela Flores
Jacob Flores
Martin Flores



Michael Flores
Brandon Foore
Zachary Forsell
Ashley French



Ian Fultz
Alexander Geesey
Joshua Gaines
Richard Galinis



Catharine Gamino
Arturo Garcia
Cynthia Garcia
Jesus Garcia



Amon Garner-Poston
Elizabeth Garza
Shakyla Gallowood
Darrel Gearon



Jarmel Gearon
Tramel Gearon
Scott Gedda
Heather Gezzo



Ange Gibson
Toloshia Gibson
Darius Giffard
Kourtney Givens





William Goffin
Antonio Gomez
Bernadette Gonzalez
Mynor Gonzalez
Devon Goodo
Perry Gordon
Malcolm Graham
Nicholas Greene



Jeffery Greer
Dannella Gregoline
Deonte Gregory
Olivia Griggs
Jazmyne Griggs
Daniel Grubb
Luis Gutierrez
Steven Guzak



Marisol Hall
Robert Hammond
Shantae Hampton
Alyssa Hardin
Mareel Hardin
Jonathan Harmon
Harlene Haro
Cori Harris



Jasmine Harris
Zagondria Harris
Tiara Harrison
Troyen Hartfield
Methan Hatfield
Lashonda Hawkins
Lyllis Hawkins
Julie Hoyle



Jordan Head
Angelica Hernandez
Kyan Hernandez
Astin Hibbler
Cathryn Hill
Ryan Hill
Tayler Hill
Michael Hollingsworth



Corey Holt
Dexter Hoskins, III
Briana Howard
Marcuse Howard
Breanna Hummel
Angel Hyche
Michael Ivy
Brittini Jackson



Machelle Jackson
Sarah Jackson
Shapree Jackson
Mark Jakubowicz
Jorlean Jasso
Ryan Jenkins
Unique Jeter
Gavanni Johnson



Kayla Johnson
Kryn Johnson
Rhoshawn Johnson
Stephen Johnson
Gwendolyn Joiner
Janella Joiner
Courtney Jones
Dianheima Jones



Tina Kaczmarek
Paige Kaluf
Zakiyyah Karim
Laura Kennedy
Benjamin Kopehar
Andrew Kerne
Dominique Key



Brittany Kaid
Kari Kiel
Dominique Kimbrough
Tiona Kimbrough
Malory Kinney
Derrick Kinney-Hutton
Allison Kish
Charne Knight



Joseph Knopf
Brannon Knopf
Justin Koertge
Jaime Knopf
Alexander Kinney
Demetri Kraftmann
Emily Korcey
Samantha Kwoll



Melissa Kwiatkowski
Lata Laganas
Elizabeth Lamb
Leslie Lang
Haskara Leard
Jillian Larsen
Mahmoud Letif
Alexander Lewensky



William Law
Britane Lee
Christian Lee
Jaime Lee
Shaleya Leo
Timothy Lett
Anthony Lewishinsky
Nikco Lewis



Xochitl Logan
Camilla Logwood
Korey Loudmilk
Diva Lowe
Anthony Luipold
DeVonta Mabon
Adonis Madry
Hector Magallanes



Breonna Major
Theo Makarounas
Ryan Malone
Cameron Mara
Jasmine Marsh
Dominique Marshall
Diondre Marteen
Sarah Martin



Old Skewl

From the Clifford Pierce Middle
School yearbook



David Cross



Justin Carlson



Tanesha Brooks



Renada Davis



Tiyari Butler





Tiffany Martin
Antonio Matthews
Francis Matthews
Kevin Mark
Sarah Mason



Konstantinos Matzaris
Phillip Mayweather
Matthew Mc Lindon
Johnny McLendon, III
Bryce Musichy



Blair McDental
Brandon McDonald
Megan McGill
Kieran McKibben
Kryson McKibben



Ronald McMillen
Michael McNeil
Amber Modewitz
Rachel Mendez
Ashley Moreado



Sara Moreado
Latoi Morriweather
Diona Milenkovski
Lakoshia Miles
Mark Miljue



Patricia Millard
Frodrick Millodge
Armando Miller
Luko Miller
Anthony Miranda



Tracee Mitchell
Cameron Mitchell
Jacquell Mitchell
Lindsey Mitchell
No'Shell Mitchell



Naithan Mizanin
Nicolas Mojica
Ariana Moore
Mari Moore
Shaquan Mooror



Leslie Morgan
Marvula Morgan
Patrick Morgan
Ryan Morgan
Domaltrius Morris

It seems like
just yesterday



"It seemed like just a few years ago that my mom used to dress us (my sister and me) alike and we would be together constantly... as were getting older it's totally different, It's like were all doing our own thing. Pretty soon were going to be off at college and everything is going to change."

- Courtney Cieslak



Derrin Morris
Lura-Yon Morris
DuVane Mosley
Cubell Mufarrreh
Kyle Munchenburg
Joquim Muro
Samantha Murphy
Anthony Napoles



Stacy Noyhart
Raphael Norvell
Victor Nzeata
Shawn O'Neil
Kella O'Reilly
Deborah Okunji-Isode
Kirstyn Oliver
Carlos Ortega



Jessie Ortiz
Javier Ortiz
Chelsea Ojeda
Stacy Osuna
Eli (E) Papamihailidis
Kyle Papp
Isiah Pachman
Kimberly Parikh



Elliot Parker
Peter Paskas
Ajay Patel
Chamero Patterson
Mal'Arats Patton
Boys Pejowski
Christian Pena
Jacqueline Pena



Andres Perez
Michael Perkins
Jamere Peterson
Rachel Phelps
Kevin Phillips
Brandi Pidgeon
Xavier Pippine
Courtney Pitts



Andrew Pollard
James Pollard
Tatiana Pollard
William Pollard
Xavier Ponce
James Ponce
Derrick Powell
Lisa Poznick



Namene Prentiss
Frederick Price, Jr.
Alexis Prothro
Ankathana Prothro
Amber Pruett
Ryan Puente
Nadia Randolph
Latoya Resnon



John von Reed
Joshua Reitz
Jarrett Reynolds
Adannoka Richardson
Scottie Richardson
Christopher Richmond
Kayla Ridgeway
Natalie Riechers



Donzell Riley
Nicholas Rio
Jellielia Rivera
Juan Rivera
Malina Rivera
Ciorra Rivers
Robyn Robb



What in the world?



Gabrielle Roberts
Dominique Robinson
Erika Robinson
Jaylah Robinson

Francisco Robledo
Raven Rodgers
Jonathan Rodriguez
Monique Rojas

Erick Rollins Williams
Rebecca Romero
Sarah Romero
Arrell Rosa-Williams

Wayne Royal, III
Christopher Russell
Tristin Russell
Nickolas Sanchez

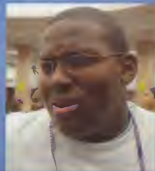
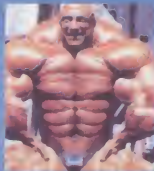
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Michael Seegiel
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Sean Schifer

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John Schuller
Amber Seillon
Jasmine Scott

Shane Scott
Lawrence Scroggins
Joe Sepulveda
Briana Shoppard

Stephanie Shoffles
Algeen Shirk
Jason Simpson
Terry Simpson

Shannon Sims
Janelle Sietrunk
Carlton Smith
Erika Smith



"Ain't that the man whose arms exploded."

Kenneth Comer



"He looks like a turtle."

Amber Medwetz



"Wow! How did he get like that?"

Kayla Johnson



"What in the world is that?"

Kourtney Glynn



"He's brought ugly."

Freda Smith



"That was really funny. I couldn't help but to laugh."

Demetri Kratinenos

Keith Smith
Michael Smith
Shaun Smith
Talia Smith
John Stobozek
Ramona Somy
Robert Sosa
Phillip Sperry



Rico Spikes
Brundon Stacks
Brittany Stahl
Rueqisha Starks
Matthew Steele
Kara Stephens-Brown
Kathleen Storkowicz
Zachary Stevens



Andrea Stevenson
Alicia Stewart
Danae Stewart
Priscilla Stewart
Rashelle Stewart
Kymelisha Stokes
Nicholas Stovall
Jessica Stridman



Brittany Sturdivant
Megan Sturgeon
Zachary Sturm
Aaron Styer
Tashara Sullivan
ReShawn Swain
Zachary Swire
Marquis Syas



Kenneth Talley
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 Anthony Watson, Jr.
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 Christian Woodberry
 Chauncey Wray
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 Rodney Yarbro
 Thomas Young

Theresa Yugo
 Elizabeth Zawada
 Chastor Ziemniak



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 Mohsen Algahmi
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 Lacie Donwood

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 Ronald Jackson III
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 Rachelle Kubina
 Jermaine Lafayette
 Jermale Lafayette
 Charles McDavid
 Jaquell Mitchell
 Dana Olinger
 Taneisha Oliver
 Kevin Perz
 Thomas Pierce IV

Misty Pratt
 Jazzy Robinson
 Jaime Rouse
 Troy Sams
 Matthew Santana Jr.
 Shane Schauer
 Haesun Schwartz
 Sabrina Smith-Griggs
 Alexis Smith
 Armando Vargae
 Kerry Washington
 Cassandra Yockoy
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CAUTION
PEER
PRESSURE

Class of
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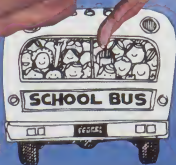
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Junior Ave. →

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Joseph Abed
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Kenneth Albee
Kelly Albright
Jessica Aldridge
Jacob Alvarez



Kristin Alvarez
Michelle Ambrose
Andre' Anderson
Brian Anderson
Jeffery Anderson
Ricky Anderson
Christopher Andonovski
Lytina Andrews



Nicholas Antleh
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Marco Arroyo
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Larotte Austby-Meneah
Raham Baghdady
Gerald Bailey



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Lacie Berger



Justin Bernard
Brian Bielek
Ryan Bishop



Charles Blanchard
Brianna Blount



Achtyn Bluff
Danielle Bly
Cora Boender

A little advice from the seniors...

A little advice from the seniors

'Get involved in school by joining clubs and sports. Show school spirit! Make memories that you can still look back on years from now!'

— Lauren Rollanbach

'Be sure things to be done at the last moment. Don't leave things to the last minute. Working hard, or hardly working. It won't be a joke when you finish. Obey. It won't be a joke when you finish. Obey.'

— [illegible]

DO NOT leave things to be done at a later date. It is when the phrase, "Working hard, or not, it comes into play. It won't be a joke when you have been hardly working."

Don't miss a lot of school, it catches up to you eventually. Also, be careful what you do off school grounds it affects your future.

Ryan Orzechowicz

Kendall Bonick
Natalia Broder
La Shon Brown
Christopher Bradley
William Bradley

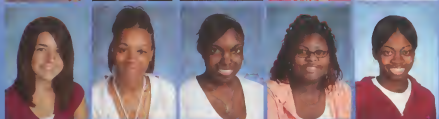


Junk

VS.



Alyssa Brindley
Jocelyn Britton
Nina Brooks
Sha Sha Brooks
Alyrene Brown



Mack Brown
Tyghelia Brown
Charles Buck
Travis Bullock
A'Dorian Burdette



Alaysha Burne
Tiganna Bynum
Monique Cagor
Jerome Cain
Ayesha Campbell



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Antonio Canfield
Stephen Carmichael
Ashley Cayuso
Jenniffer Cartwright



Rashawn Carroll
Nathaniel Casey
Richard Cast
Nicola Castro
Jordana Chandler



Justin Chandler
Alyssa Chapman
Ashley Cherry
Kriellian Churchill
Jennifer Cloebak



Brianna Clark
Chanel Clark
Jerry Clark
Levana Clark
Michael Clark



Tedrick Clark
Ashton Cole
Charmise Cole
Tanjela Coleman



I think that they should bring all of the good drinks and chips back because nobody really thinks about eating healthy.
Glen Johnson



We need more students because if we don't we can't buy all the school stuff so please don't wait and say "oh, I'll do it" because we pay for it.



Healthy?



I think it's great! I like healthy food. Having junk food in this school will make me just gain weight! I don't want that!!

Hanni Reynolds



Brianne Collins
Henry Collins
Michael Collins, Jr.
Brittany Camar
Ariel Cooley

Holly Cooper
James Cooper
Terrence Cooper
Devlin Copeland
Salvador Cornejo

William Costake
Thomas Cousine
Jonathan Cowley
Donald Cox
Christopher Crawford

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Everette Cresswell
Michael Crist
Ronald Crosby
Taven Cunningham

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Kolmonie Dago
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Christopher Deese
Chantal Dejeaux

Matthew Donetrakis
Mariah Dornie
Davide Dornie
Victoria Dornie



Princi 'PAL'



Q What is one thing your students don't know about you?
A I play the piano.



Q Sum yourself up in one word.
A Mother.

Q Where did you attend high school?
A Marian in Chicago Heights.

Q Do you have any children?
A Three beautiful girls: Rachel, Courtney, Kelly.

Q What do you do when you have a few hours of free time?
A I never have free time!

Q What's your favorite store?
A Strack and Van Til.



Q Do you have any pets?
A An adorable miniature schnauzer.

Q What kind of music do you listen to?
A Kiss FM with kids, Jack FM by myself.



Q What did you want to be when you were growing up?
A A doctor

Q Did you play sports in high school?
A I have a passion for volleyball.



Q What was your most memorable moment in education?
A I was chosen by a student as her most influential teacher.

Duane Diamond
Le'Julian Diaz
J'Nai Dickerson
Jade Dixon



Keith Dockery
Niko Donald
Corey Dorsey
Clara Does



Taylor Douglas
Felicia Dwellon
William Dukas
Blanca Earl



Anastasia Early
Kaylon Eaton
Nathaniel Edge
Adrian Edmond



Danesh El-Quorony
Keshia Eller
Wynton Ellis
Pakima Escobar



Lauren Evans
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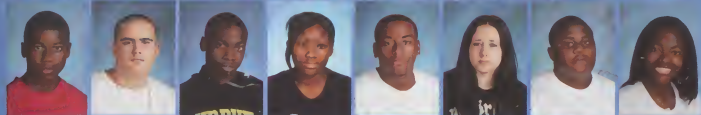


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Isitha Garcia
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Christopher Carmela
Zachary Gibson
David Gilbort



Julian Glenn
Jeremy Glore
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Carolee Glass
Joshua Glenn
Corin Gnika
Brandon Coker
Monchell Godfrey



Jacob Gomez
Michael Gonzalez
Andrew Gonzalez
Nolette Gordon
Torrance Gordon
Dawnn's Gray
Kandace Grano
Charles Graham



Dolores Griffin
Andrew Grzybowski
Cristina Guzman
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Kayla Haney
Kevin Haney
Torrance Hamilton
Ashley Haney



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Romero Harper
Ashley Harris
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Glaci Harris



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Stephen Hart
Dovyn Harvey
Tramaine Harvey
Joseph Hawkins
Kiara Hay



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Heather Hicks
Michael Highlan
Kerry Highsmith



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Ashley Hile
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Dominique Halliday
Melody Hollins
Matthew Hruskocy
Northawn Hudson



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Kyle Johnson
Lorielle Johnson
Michael Johnson
Pamela Johnson
Samantha Johnson



Zachary Johnson
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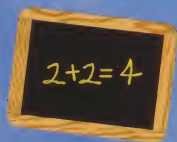
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Kirsten Koharschik



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Malissa Kovach
Jonathan Kowalski
Mallory Lanesator
Ronald Landrum
Jameel Lawton
Amanda Levine



Adam Laturno
Joshua Locke
Tameka Leggett
Tiffany Leight
Evanessa Letta
Jamee Lewis
Joshua Liddell
Dustin Lee



Old Skewl

From the Clifford Pierce Middle
School yearbook



Ashley Barnes



Kevin Hahney



Sanam El-Quesney



Tyeshia Brown



Tyler Roark

It seems like just yesterday...

Christopher Logan
James Long
Brandon Lord
Dominique Love
Rayon Lovick

Carlee Lowe
Anthony Lucas
Orlando Lunee
Victoria Lucio
Ramon Luna

Katalin Lundberg
Kyle Lunsford
Anthony Mabono
Delapo Macarthy
Marleria Madry-Bonilla

Aliecia Magana
Michael Magno
Kronhauna Major
Ruby Maldonado
Jamae Manis

Ambor Manzella
Elin Marek
Vince Marquez
Jose Martinez
Angela Mast

Joseph Matezak
Andre Mathews
Keshia Mathis
Nolan Mayersky
Carvel Mayfield

Matthew Mayo, Jr
Taylor McCall
Lejane McEwell
Daniel McGee
Kevin McGee

Rhonda McGowan
Colton McIlroy
Robert McKee
Benjamin McKown
Dillon Meadows

Leanna Meskur
Kagla Meloy
Lindsay Mender
Brittany Mendez
Stephanie Mercado



"It seems like just yesterday that my friends and I were supporting the Pierce Middle School football team. The cheerleaders and poms, being such great friends, worked together to pump up the crowd. The cheerleaders would chant and cheer to get the audience going. At half-time the poms would run out and strut their stuff. We all worked hard to make our routines perfect! Our main goal was to make the performances enjoyable for everyone."

Nina Nihiser



"It seems like just yesterday that we were having sleepovers, watching movies, and shopping every Saturday night. We did whatever felt good at the time. Those were the good ol' days. We are still the best of friends, but now we have more responsibilities."

Nina Nihiser



Ashley Meredith
Kelsey Meskar
Lauren Meskar
Ava Metz
Sandy Maza
Taniela Miles
Nadia Millard
Jordan Miller



Michelle Minard
Donovan Mitchell
Makendra Mobley
Desmona Moore
Ronald Moore
Tara Moore
Ashanti Morris
Katira Moten



Mia Muhammad
Ryan Murge
Michelo Myers
Christina Nacowski
Philly May
Matthew Nanes
Ashley Negrelli
Nicholas Nelligan



Joseph Nelson
Ya'Quai Nelson
Rebecca Neville
Nina Nifester
Cody Niles
Borron Norwood
Jonathan Nwananna
Kevin O'Neill



Jovan Obotkovski
Terrence Ojeda
Kenneth Oliver
Willie Ollie
Michael Ollie
Christopher Ollie
Eric Ollie
Natalie Oriaga



David Ortiz
Michael Ovanek
Geovanni Ovanek
Stephen Pajon
Brandon Paliga
Anicka Palm
Merkulla Papamihailakis
Mishia Parkar



Nina Parkar
Brittany Patterson
Karin Patterson
Sharia Paul
Jacob Pavol
Keith Pavlits
Tavin Pearson
Joshua Pecanica



Christine Podan
Kelli Pepper
Alexander Perez
April Perry
Jessica Pothalas
Dustin Peterson
Jason Peterson
Gregory Phillips



Rachel Philtomazak
Aaron Piggoo
Shantae Pirle
David Pionti
Sarah Polak
Samantha Polk
Claudia Ponce





Frank Crowell
Erinade Grinnado
Nicole Price
Aperle Rainall



Andres Reed
Karin Reed-Lattkar
Christina Reed
Cody Reynolds



Hannelore Reynolds
Kyle Reynolds
Almae Rozendek
Ashley Richards



Aljeana Richmond
Darrin Richmond
Vanessa Riley
Dante Rice



Jose Rivers
Tyler Roark
Dylan Roberts
Kevin Robertson



Tiffany Robertson
Chenae Robinson
Joel Robinson
Lance Robinson



Shadrick Robinson, Jr.
Ryan Roddy
Antonio Ross
Darius Ross



Giovanna Ross
Michelle Ross
Branda Roy
Megan Ruffledge



Matthew Renzut
Katherine Sadural
Jazmin Saez
Joanna Saffrahn



"It was like something out of a horror movie. I wasn't expecting it."

Dolapo Macarthy



"What in the world" popped in my mind. I just wanted to burst out in laughter."

Morgan Taylor



"I couldn't tell if it was a man or a woman. I was confused."

Matthew Sorenson



"It reminded me of one of the Quizno puppets!"

Orlando Lucas



"All I could think about was the monsters from *Men in Black*."

Jerome Cain



"It was really ugly. It made my stomach hurt."

Jeremy Vialovsky



What in the world?



Alexander Salinas
Elijah Samuels
Maria Sanchez
Suzette Sanchez
Mariah Sanders
Kelly Sawfield
Michael Sealy
Ryan Schaffer



Devin Schralber
Justin Scott
Samantha Serwacki
Jonathan Shannon
Derek Shea
Tiera Simpson
Kendal Sims
Amona Smith



Brian Smith
Chase Smith
Edwin Smith
Robert Smith
Ryan Smith
Ashley Sokolowski
Matthew Sorenson
Zachary Sowinski



Monica Spars
Acacia Spence
Jalies Spence
Luv-Joy Spence
Caitlyn Spiree
Terrell Spiree
Amanda Spidle
Joshua Shuckor



Samuel Stewart
Spring Stewart
Emilija Stojana
Christopher Stokas
Ryan Stokas
Brittany Stoen
Kagla Strong
Michael Suwat



Frederick Sweetlik
Mirko Taleff
Nancy Tapia
Kato Tarr
Kelly Tarr
Arian Taylor
Ashlyn Taylor
Brandon Taylor



Latesha Taylor
Morgan Taylor
Melton Teague
Trenell Teanar
Eric Terry
Courtney Thomas
Jordan Thomas
Meysha Thomas



Niesha Thomas
Paul Thornton, III
Khondice Tidwell
Lindsey Tobin
Orlando Toney
Walter Toney
Cordero Tramble
Cecilia Travis



Colton Tucker
Jennifer Tucker
Harold Turner
Julian Turner
Tyana Turner
Kathryn Underhill
Christopher Vela





Ariel Valenzuela
Joel Van Winkle
Joseph VanVleet
Michael Vasquez
Elisamar Vasquez
Yasania Vasquez
Jeremy Velsky
Keith Washler



Danielle Wagner
Brent Walden
Cholea Walker
Tracey Walker
Roy Walker, Jr.
Jonathan Wallace
Evelle Walton
Herman Ward



Melissa Warren
Melba Warshall
Arlon Washington
Domino Washington
Jaquell Washington
Joshua Washington
Shannon Watkins
Mandy Wete



Joshua Wells
Brian Weed
Patrick Whelan
Megan White
Anthony White, Jr.
Ashley Wideman
Jarvas Wildermose
Dontarius Williams



Jamal Williams
Sarah Williams
Stephen Williams, II
Blake Willie
Damon Wilmoth
Christian Wilson
Jack Witter
Nicholas Wolak



Kadria Woodfork
Kenneth Woodfork
Ashley Woods
Jasmine Woods
Taryn Woods
Derrin Woodson
Anthony Wright
Tajler Wright



Larry Yarbrough
Michael Yates, Jr.
Jasmine Youngblood



Malik Youngblood

James Allen III
Marcel Allen
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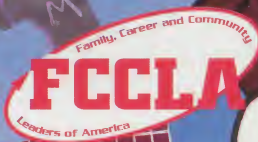
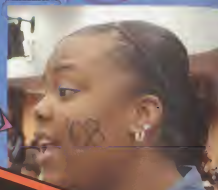
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Stacey Martin
Keith Mayhewell
Marcus McKinney
Edward Packwood
Nicholas Parker
Tralanie Perkins
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James Reed II
Terrika Rood
Michael Roldan
Dominic Snow
Kara Stasak
Kathryn Tappor
Eliese Torres
Nataly Viramontes Renteria
Jaquese Waters
Brian Williams, Jr.
Joseph Young



UNABOS



I WANT YOU





Darany Adeniji
Ashley Adams
Carter Adams
Keano Adams
Mary Acquillino
Pamela Agoria
Dana Aloner
Archiechia Alexander



Joshua Alexander
Vanessa Alexander
Christian Allen
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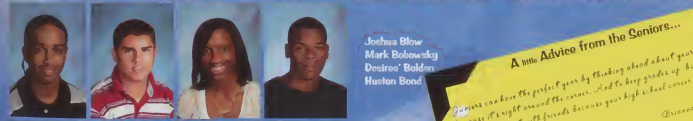
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Elizabeth Baumann
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Javier Benitez
Kelsey Boehrs
Arwon Bho



Tavor Bianchi
Destiny Biddings
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Shannon Bior
Cath Binder
Johnathan Blasing
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Joshua Blow
Mark Bobrowsky
Destree' Bolden
Huston Bond



David Bourke
Angela Borgia
Heather Bostie
James Bourcier



David Bradley
Brittini Braddeck
Carlton Bradley
Markith Bray

A Little Advice from the Seniors...

Seniors can have the perfect year by thinking ahead about your senior year because it's right around the corner. And to keep grades up, but also to go out and hang out with friends because your high school career is going to fly by quickly!

Brianne Carter

I would change my workload. I think if I would have worked harder, I would feel a lot more comfortable as a senior now. To make the perfect year, just balance work and play, and everything should be good.

Lawrence McCoy

I would of worked harder in junior year. So I wouldn't have to work hard in senior year. I would stay focused and be prepared for anything.

-SAMMY DAWSON

Tyrone Bray
DeLeon Brazil
Benjamin Broadlove
Quinton Britton
Gabriello Briscoe



Lorne Britt
Jaemine Britton
Erica Broaders
Jessica Brock
Brian Brown



Darren Brown
Evan Brown
Jaemine Brown
Paris Brown
R'ehard Brown



Thomas Brown
Trevor Brown
Eric Buckner
Addison Burke
Nashon' Burns



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Eric Choni
Chiara Chanton
Lynda Clark



Zurie Clements
Jennifer Cleveland
Kelli Clmack
Alyssa Cody



Q & A

As a junior, what are you looking forward to or scared about for your senior year?



'Running the hallways and the underclass students.'
Ronneal Williams

'I'm looking forward to graduating and prom.'
Shaunterreah Gates



'I'm Scared of getting one of the graduation bears.'
Tim Ragan





I'm looking to forward to running the school, as to me being a senior.
Evan Brown



'I'm scared of being a senior and turning 18 years old.'
Michael Marsh



'I'm looking forward to graduating and going away to college.'
Jordan Arredondo



'I'm looking forward to hopefully graduating early and getting out of high school. It was a fun experience and how it will be ending. I'm also looking forward to prom.'
Sarah Richards



Robert Coghill
Cristina Coleman
Corina Collins
Kyla Collins
Ashley Contreras

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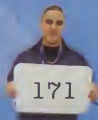
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Princi'PAL'



Sharing a large chunky lunch hour are Mrs. LaFonda Morris, the junior principal, with the sophomore principal Mrs. Lorri Coviedu. Before coming to MHS, Mrs. Morris taught at Meriville Intermediate School and worked as a detention officer at the Lake County Juvenile Center.

Q What's your favorite cereal?

A Oatmeal. I don't eat cereal.

Q What activities were you in during high school?

A Future Teachers of America, Debate Team and Honors Society.

Q Do you have any children? If so, how many?

A Yes, I have one boy.

Q What high school did you attend?

A Gary Roosevelt

Q What is your favorite movie?

A "The Bad Seed"

Q Which artist do you think is cuter, Tyrese or Morris Chestnut?

A If I had to date one first, it would be Tyrese, while I had Morris on the side.

Cornel Ely
Emanuel England
Clarissa Escalante



Darin Farmer
Ena Fazio
Alexandria Feagin



John Fecarotta
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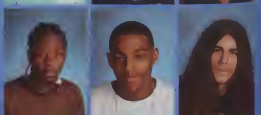
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Brandon Hupenthal
Kristian Jackson
Lashelle Jackson
Pedro Jackson
Sierra Jackson
Midi James



Brandon Johnson
Gregory Johnson
Josephine Johnson
Brianna Jordan
Ashley Johnson
Emmanuel Johnson
Candace Johnson

Darren Johnson
 James Johnson
 Terrance Johnson
 Brett Johnston
 Jahanya Jolly
 Anthony Jones
 Jiffian Jones
 Melissa Jones

Nicole Jones
 Patricia Jones
 Rico Jones
 Rila Jones
 TaShona Jones
 Walter Jones
 Daniel Jukes
 Lynellie Kammear

Brandon Kapitlan
 Jacob Kapitlan
 Robert Kaplar
 Felicia Kachisara
 Tylor Kelly
 Marissa Kendrick
 Andrew Kapehar
 Paula Katscham

Jaleya King
 Samona Kinsey
 Michelle Kistler
 Ryan Knight
 Edward Knopf
 Michael Kochevar
 Katalynn Kore
 Antessa Lafitte

Araceli Lagunas
 Kyle Lamb
 Miriam Lander
 Martha Langbach
 Anthony LaPinta
 Pedro Lara
 Justica Lasher
 Salasdon Luvall

Chereshya Lawson
 Sonya Lawski
 Jonathan Lee
 Marcus Lewis
 Michael Light, II
 Mikala Lipp
 Joe Lipscomb
 Matthew Lithall



Old Skewl

From the Clifford Pierce Middle School yearbook



Janay Nale



Javarris Marable



Kimberly Nason



Michael Kochevar



Brittany Harris



Christopher Lebodey
Christopher Logan
Destinee Logan
Ariella Logwood
Challey Lohr



Steven Lohse
Jamona Long
Janelle Lopez
Viggo Lopez
Megan Lyons



Melissa Lovick
Anthony Lowe
Dustin Lowe
Deyenne Lozano
Trinity Lucas



Katasha Lumpkin
Gail Macapagal
David Macon
Brittney Madden-Lee
Luinda Madera



Taylor Madelon
Nadia Madrid
Anthony Madry
Shantia Malone
David Mangrum



Nathan Manning
Javier Maraballo
Michael Marsh
Ryan Marsh
Jared Martin



Megan Martin
Michael Martin
Anthony Martinez
Carmel Martinez
Evelyn Massa



Jessica Matheny
Megan Matt
Brittany Maynard
Janille Maynard
Christina McCord



Kelvin McCall
Ashley McCord
Alexandra McLaughlin
Dagla McKib
Megan McNeil

It seems like just yesterday ...



'...I didn't have a care in the world and there was nothing to worry about. I would sit on my daddy's shoulder and feel a hundred feet tall.'

Shannon Bier



'...we were friends and I wanted more, now I have all that I could want.'

Jessica Alvelo & Carlos Campos



'...you use to laugh by yourself, and now we laugh together.'

Chanequa Norvell & Rianna Smith



Kristine McPherson
Danielle Melovski
Daniel Metz
Matthew Michalak
Carly Mihal
Gabriela Miller
Elizabeth Minard
Larry Mitchell, Jr.



Antoinette Moffitt
Elyssa Mojica
Brandon Molloy
Marantz Moon
Gary Moore
Kipco Moore
Nahumiah Moore
Gregory Mowland, Jr.



Raul Moreno
Dana Morley
Clara Morris
Curtis Morrow
Morgan Mosley
Ashley Munchenburg
Darron Murphy
Justina Myron



Janey Nalle
Jaclyn Nason
Kinsborly Nason
Patrick Nawracaj
George Neely
Rufus Nelson, IV
Stephanie Nuyhart
Sun Nguyen



Larry Nichols
Kurtney Nicholson
Samantha Nick
Chanaqua Norvell
Derryl Noun
Kamryn Noun
Prison Nzeata
Kimberly O'Reilly



Alex Olandese
JC Oliver
Miguel Oliver
Michael Ollie
Naftali Osman
Paul Orzoco
Aurora Paez
Vanessa Pagan



Christine Panglisan
David Parks
Shannell Parks
Danny Patel
Amanda Patterson
Anthony Patton
Matthew Paul
Candace Pearson



Anthony Peak
Rosie Pejoldi
Erie Pena
Charlan Pennington
John Perkins
Wyatt Perkins
Joshua Phillips
Kathie Picard



Deandra Pitarce
Caroline Pineda
Gabriel Poyla
Paul Pogoradski
Elizabeth Pollard
Isabel Porter
Christina Poulakos



What in the world?



Jacob Puffer
Clarence Powell
Vanessa Powore
Robert Pozniak



Daniel Prantowski
Lauren Price
Jasica Price
Jasica Pursnue



Andrew Quick
Matthew Rankin
Kyrstin Reed
Ariana Reeves



Jeffrey Roleford
Jimmie Roleford
Taylor Renahan
Rhannon Replin



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'My first thought was, 'eww,' is that a real person? That's nasty.'
— Brittney Barrett



Sarah Richards
Demario Richardson
Demetrius Richardson
Donald Riley, Jr.
Daniela Rios
Michael Rivera
Theresa Rizo
Quinn Roberts



Patricia Robinson
Diana Robledo
Sarah Roby
Jonathan Rodgers
Jamaine Rodriguez
Oscar Rodriguez
Eric Rogers
Hector Romero



Paul Rosa
Tony Roston
Angela Rouse
Jarrot Rucker
Nicola Rudolph
David Russell
Karyn Russell Jr.
Lisa Sabersnik



Vanessa Sathural
Jale Sales
Quinn Samuels
Jairo Sanchez
Ryan Sandefur
Dawn Sanders
Jonathan Satkowski
Amber Savage



Ashley Savage
Jason Saxe
Joseph Seale
Michael Schwartz
Andrea Sears
Jonathan Selby
Kendall Sharp



David Shulten
Brittne Shophard
Kyle Shockey
Darryl Stiggers, Jr
Lambo Sikooski
Joan Sinar
Michael Slavik
Jonathan Smiley



Andrea Smith
Bradley Smith
Christian Smith
Christopher Smith
Cornelia Smith
Darrhanas Smith
Kenneth Smith
Riana Smith



Benjamin Smithers
Ryan Sokolowski
Kevin Sokolowski
Jermaine Spencer
Mario Springs-Shapleton
Julie Stelzer
Caroline Stephens
Kirk Stephens



Uta Sternberg
Keenen Stevenson
Cody Stewart
Phillip Stewart
Quentin Stewart
Romaneas Stewart
Daniel Stoles
Patie Straughter



Chris Strickland
Jonathan Sturgeon
Frank Sannichraf, III
Quintel Sumrall
Aaron Swiffer
Daven Swopa
Benjamin Tapper
Crystal Tate



Alissa Taylor
Nicole Taylor
Sheldinah Taylor
Chari Terranova
Antonio Thomas
Dante Thomas
Ashley Thompson
Ryan Tinsley



Eleonore Tokarski
Ashley Tompkins
Norlinda Toney
Alivia Toole
Chen Torres
Edgardo Torres
Eduardo Torres
Kaitlana Toth



Alexander Trajkovski
Emmalee Troupes
Dwayne Tucker
Nicholas Tucker
Crystal Turner
Destree Upshaw
Brianna Urrewy
Lisa Uzolac



Nicholas Vadas
Christina Valant
Katherine Venhoy
Amanda Velazquez
Rabecca Verdureo
Demotrice Volikas
Aleasha Walker





Brandon Walker
Daven Walker
Heather Walker
Kevin Walker
Joshua Walton
Robert Ward
Christopher Washington
Troy Washington

William Washington
Hannah Watkins
Shannon Watts
Kayla Weeks
Jennifer Weger
Guy Weiss
Frederick Weidman
Kenny West

Joseph White
Justin White
Shyanne Willis
Brittany Williams
Jamel Williams
Joshua Williams
Ronald Williams
Roosevelt Williams

Christina Williams
Tiara Williams
Zina Williams
Kiera Wille
Katie Wilson
Mara Wilson
Vaundra Wilson
Monica Winchuk

Marketta Woods
Erle Wright
Ranana Wright
Robert Wright
Tiera Wright
Sarah Yecko
Sarena Yester
Kyle Yeaman

Fanchon Young
Portie Young
Wesley Young
Eric Zuremba
Jerimy Zellinger
Stephanie Zellars
Mehela Zarba
Cora Zimmerman

Out of 'VUE'

Bianca Armand
Nicole Marie Billick
Tekilah Black
Dashawntee Booth
Charles A. Christian-Brown
Jasmine Elizabeth DeAnda
Thelma Lucia Downing
Alexandor Flores
Cally Taylor
Derek Censel
Kia Nilai Civhan
Marquisa Greene
Andrea Almo Hart

Princeetta Hayes
Fatima Hernandez
Celisea Hill
Matthew Rose Huggins
Derek Michael Johnson
Matthew Jones
Tishanora Javu' Jones
Michael Graham Lawson
Jamie Rynel Leggett
Joshua Richard Maloe
Michael J. Martinich
Duniqua Marsh
Elizabeth Martin

Chameron McMillon
Joshua Miley
Mantol Angel Negro
Tamia Odorn
Ricardo Ramon Oliveira
Xavier Fabian Otero
Zarrick Pickoff
Brandon Lamar Pierson
Nicole Pink
Timothy James Ragan
Priseilla Marie Rivera
Alicia Sharnae Rule
Victor Sandoval

Terry Wayne Smith
Xavier Jamal Smith
Latasha Snelling
Aireas Stephenson
Jonathan Thormann
Raymon Truitt
Clarel Viramontes Renteria
Christopher James Waiters
Felicia Nicole Webb
Jalil Wilson
Nicole Wilson
Kelven Wiyon



Mark Ciesielski
Class of 1990



Alan Branda
Class of 1977



Teressa Proctor
Class of 1969



Jeff Veltos



Julie Affonso
Janet Anderson
Joe Alria
Nancy Backus
L.J. Baggett
Lisa Bank

Michelle Barker
Amber Baron
Tony Bartolomeo
Amy Beckham
Carrie Behwell
Rob Behwell

Mary Ann Bertram
Brad Best
Wado Boice
Mary Borton
James Boettie
Janelle Bowen

Darryl Bowie
Brandon Bowin
John Bradford
Alan Branda
Barbara Broadel
Doris Brown

Monique Brown
Charlotte Buchanan
Susan Buls
Mark Ciesielski
Patrick Clark
Farida Contractor

Kim Corman
Lori Covacks
Renee Cox
Rose Danley
Dave DeMuth
Dwayne DeYoung

Barb Dlouhy
Amy Donoras
Nancy Draper
Kristi Drosky
Miles Dunsenbille
Lori Dust

Dmitri Duzan
Jeff Eaton
Patricia Eckert
Roger Emig
Jeff Fairbairn
Robert Fernando





Erin Floren
Brigitte Floyd
Melissa Flutka
Becky Furman
Susan Gaines
Rick Garner



Chuck Olsonson
Amy Gower
Ruth Graham
Amy Gussow
Linda Hall
Jennifer Harris



Patricia Harris
Christina Hawerty
Kelly Haydon
Kira Healy
Lynn Herrera
Don Hickman



Dave Hinkel
Anthony Hoyer
Michael Hoffman
Jason Hostetter
Frank Hudak
Sean Hudson



Richard Hurong
Elaine Hydlinger
Bill Idzior
Elisba Israel
Denise Jamerson
Timothy James



John Jennings
Darste Johnston
James Johnston
Kathij Jones
Bobby Jordan
Joe Jurina



Nicki Jusko
Lawrence Jazwiedt
Nicole Kendrick
Sarah Kennady
Elizabeth Kenyon
Tony Klimeczuk



Dabbie Klippel
Angie Knezevic
Michael Knoeko
Nada Kolar
Dragica Kwasnyin
Daniel Kowalkowski



Diane Kowalski
Ronellon Kozol
Sue Kramer
Mike Krutz
Darryl Lackay
John Lambertse

A Little Advice From The Seniors

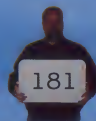
Try not to be so serious.
Let the seniors be seniors.
Rigoberto Zambrano

'Be more like Stamper
and Lembo'
Matt Bane

'Loosen up.
Have a little fun
once in a while.'
Caitlin Mulloy

'Lighten up. Give us more
freedom and discuss college more
with us.'
Shannon Williams

'Be nicer and
give out less work.'
Garret Anderson





Brian Paul
Class of 1986



Kristi Drusky
Class of 1997



Josefina Portugal



Lefonda Morris
Class of 1990

Jennifer Lusk
Connie Lewis
Luis Lopez
Rae Lopez
Bob Mackovysak
Kristin Maglish

David Maldonado
Veronica Maldonado
Diane Mandon
Ruby Marcus
Doreen Martin
Mark McCullom

Sean Meagher
Michael Meggs
Loe Meyer
Michael Miller
Nita Milosavljevic
Verna Mitte

Debbie Monix
Ashley Monroe
Helen Moravskij
Paul Moravskij
Sally Morgan
LaFonda Morris

Maureen Muhs
Mary Neglon
Gail Nicolini
Bonnie Niksch
Richard Ohlenkamp
Deborah Onika

Shirley Ortiz
Martha Ortiz
Rick Parker
Shay Parkhurst
Janet Parker
Bon Parrish

Vicki Paulnitz
Mati Paulovich
Lenka Pejzski
Nicholas Petralia
Margaret Petras
Donna Phelps

Deanna Pierce
Jared Pionero
Steven Prahrer
Terry Pratt
Tania Price
Teresa Procter

Rose Pulliam
Janis Qualizza
Guy Ramey
Ian Rausel
Shelley Ray
Melinda Reinhardt





Mary Rhone
Mark Robinson
Kathy Rock
Kay Ross
Terri Rothgeb
Sharon Row



Bonnie Sanders
Mark Schellinger
Violet Schmuck
Candra Scholtens
Pamela Scholtz
Thomas Seharo



Beverly Seaver
Andron Seeman
Charles Seligman
Tracy Sharpnack
Lynne Simon
Anthony Smith



Steve Smith
James Sonnenberg
Irene Spiro
Debra Stafford
Margaret Stallings
James Stamper



Charles Stanford
Joan Stanford
Sarah Starowicz
Jonnifer Starke
Zoran Stefanovic
Evelyn Steiner



Mike Stills
Al Stoner
Michelle Sulech
Kimberly Surovink
Melissa Szarvink
Dave Teator



Marilyn Titon
Ronald Thomas
Derek Thompson
Cheryl Unruey
Cathy Valenti
Joy Varala



Michele Ventura
Melissa Volkman
Carol Von Bohran
Patrice Weil
William West
Christine Wheeler



Donna Wheeler
Cue Whitlock
Dabbie Willisoy
Michelle Wilson
Jeff Yallon

A Little Advice From The Seniors

'Make time in class
for homework.'
Stoten Stofko

'Get the freshmen
under control. Act
more like Stamper.
We'd learn more.'
Victor Williams

'Try to help
students
out more.'
Michael Pyrtle

'Don't be so uptight.
Realize it's our last
year and we're trying
to get outa here.'
David Lobodinski

A 'vue' from



Seniors

the top



Class of '07



John Abdul-Hafiz
Band 9-12; Class Pres.
12; Class Gov 12; Fr Club
10-12; Fr Club Off 11,12;
Jazz Impact 9-12; NHS
11,12; Revue 10-12; Spell
Bowl 12; STAND 11,12;
St Gov 12; Track 10,12;
Valedictorian



Jared Abdul-Hafiz
French Club 11,12; STAND
12; Track 10



Dennis Adel
Bowling 12; Drama Club
12; Key Club 12; Teens for
Christ 12



Cassandra J. Aden
Aide 12; Choir 9-12;
Drama Club 9,10; Fall Play
9-12; FCCLA 9,10; Hoosier
Girls State 12; MPAC
12; NHS 11,12; Quill and
Scroll 12; Revue 9; St Gov
9; B Tennis Mng'r 10,11;
Tennis 9-12; Thespians 12;
YB Copy/Sen Ed 12



Enisha Almonds
NHS 12; Soccer 9-12;
STAND 11,12; Track 9-12



Corina Alderson



Rickard Almon
CAD 11,12; Football 9-12;
Science Olympiad 9; Track
9-12; Weightlifting Comp
11,12



Antionette Allen
STAND 9,10,12; Yearbook
12



Ebony Allen



Leslie Shavica Allen
STAND 9,10,12; Tennis 9



Jacqueline Alvarez
Drill Team 11,12; Spanish
Club 10; Teacher Aide 12



Jessica Alvarez
FCCLA 9,10,12



Ashley Army
Choir 9-12; Dance Team 9-11;
Dance Team Capt 11;
Fall Play 9-12; Peer Helper
12; Quill and Scroll 12;
Revue 9-12; Teach Aide
12; Teens for Christ 9,10;
Yearbook Jun Ed 12



Andrew Anderson
Basketball 9-12; Basket-
ball Capt 12; French Club
11; Track 11



Anitella Anderson
Choir 9-11; Cross Country
9-12; STAND 9,12; Track
9-12



Aaron Apfin



Cardozo Aves
Football 9-12; Football
Captain 12; Track 9,10;
Weightlifting Comp 10-12



Michael Arizumi
Class Government 9,10;
Football 10; Key Club 12;
Student Gov 10,12



Courtney Arnold



Aubin Astromawalli
Class VP 10-12; Class
Gov 9-12; Con Choir 9;
Lip Sync 12; NHS 11,12;
Newspaper 12; PNN 10;
Prom Court 11; Quill &
Scroll 12; Outz Bowl 12;
St Gov 9-12; Tennis 9-12;
Valedictorian



Maricela Ayala
Color Guard 9; HERO 12;
STAND 9



Anaceli Balchova



Deshae Balchova
Natural Helpers 9



James Lynn Balaban
Basketball 9; Soccer 9-12;
Soccer Captain 10,11





Matthew Bone
CAD 11,12; Cross Country
10-12; Track 9-12



Robert Bowers
CAD 10-12; Football
9,11,12; Track 11,12



Latasha Bowers-Jones



Dennis Bousick
AFJROTC 10,11; Golf 9-
12; Golf Captain 12; Tennis
9-12; Tennis Captain 12



Floyd Boylen



Jeff Brum
FEA 12; FEA Officer; Key
Club 10



Brett Buehly
Autosport 12; Bowling 9-
12; Football 9; NHS 11,12



Tiffany Bynals
Art Club 9; Bowling 11,12;
Drama Club 9-12; Drama
Hist 10; Drama VP of Pub
11; Fall Play 9-12; PNN
11,12; Revue 9-12; Spr
Play 9-12; Teach Aide 12;
Thes 9-12; Thes Off 10,11



Jewelle Bell
Natural Helpers 9; Teens
for Christ 11,12



Letitia Bell
Band 9-12; Class VP 9;
FCCLA 9-12; FCCLA
Officer 11,12; NHS 12;
Student Government 9;
Teacher Aide 12; Volleyball
9,10; Weight Comp 9



Jasmine Bennett



Donald Big
Chess Club 9-12; Cross
Country 10-12; NHS 11,12;
Russian Club 9,10; Track
9-12



Charles Bille



Christopher Blackwell



Vanessa Blinn
Band 9; HERO 12; STAND
9,11,12



Chanel Christian Blinsky



Sherrie Marie Bliss
Art Club 12; Art Club Off
12; SOSA 9-12; Drama
Club 9,11; Fall Play 9,11;
FCCLA 9; Kids on the
Block 10; Nat'l Fr Test
9,10; PNN 12; Revue 11;
Spr Play 11; Teach Aide
12; Thes 11



Jessica Blum



Kyle Gerard Bonick
Academic Super Bowl
11,12; Basketball 9-12;
CAD 11,12; Lip Sync 12;
NHS 11,12; Quill and
Scroll 12; Quiz Bowl Team
12; Yearbook Ad/Copy
Editor 12



Jackson Boushamp
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
9-12; Drama Club Off
11,12; Fall Play 9-12; NHS
12; Teach Aide 12; Revue
9-11; Spr Play 10-12;
Swim 9; Thes 9-12; Thes
Off 11,12



Elaine Bowers



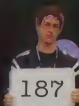
Gregory Bowdoin
Building Trades 12; CAD
11; Teacher Aide 12



Jaki'a Broom
Aide 12; Color Guard 9-12;
Key Club 9-11; Kids on the
Block 10,12; Peer Helper
12; PNN 12; STAND 12



Tanisha Broom
Choir 9-11; Dance Team
11; Revue 9,10





Tashun Brown
Aide 11; Teens for Christ 11



TyShana Brown
STAND 10,12; Teacher Aide 12; Teens for Christ 9,10



Pamela Boucsein
Aide 11,12



Mychaela Bryant



Natalie Byrnes
FEA 12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Helper 12; STAND 11,12



Christopher Buske
Choir 9-12; Drill Team 10; Football 9; French Club 9; Swimming 9,10,12; Teacher Aide 12; Tennis 11,12



Cheleann Calhoun
Aide 10,12



Justin Comin
Bowling 10,11



Alan L. Cooper Jr.
SOSA 12; French Club 9-12; Spell Bowl Team 12; STAND 11,12; Track 11,12; Wrestling 10



Joshua Custer
Autoshop 11,12; CAD 11; Drama Club 11,12; Fall Play 11,12; Spring Play 11,12; TheSpans 11,12



Kayleen Nicole Casey
Orch 9-12; Peer Help 9; Peer Med 9; Pr Cncl 12; Prom Comm 11,12; Quest/Nat Help 9; Quill and Scroll 12; Stud Adv Comm 12; Swim 10; Teach Aide 12; YB PhotoClubs & Act Ed 12



Angela Cost
Cheerleading 9,10; Homecoming Court - Basketball 11; PNN 11,12; Prom Queen 11; Swimming 11,12



DeAndre Charles



Kelley Cooper
Homecoming Court - Basketball 9; Key Club 9,10; Teacher Aide 9



Kaitlyn Comen
Teacher Aide 12



Lelemon Chaswell
Teacher Aide 11,12



Colleen Cramer



Cody Jeannine Dallin
Baseball 9,10,12; Football 9,10; Lip Sync 12; Weightlifting Competition 9,12



Melissa Ann Damang
Aide 12; Cheer 9-12; Class Gov 12; HC Court - B'ball 9,10; Key Club 9,10; Kids on the Block 10; NHS 12; NHS VP 12; Pr Council 12; Prom Comm 11,12; Prom Court 11; Quill and Scroll 12; YB Copy/Sen Ed 12



Elizabeth Ann Davis



Gene Davis
Key Club 10; Orchestra 9



Lailany Davis
Drill Team 12; Key Club 10; PNN 12; Revue 11



Drew J. Dawson
Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-11; Football 9-12; Football Captain 12; Prom King 11



Caitlin deCorney
Art Club 12; Art Club Off 12; Drama Club 11,12; Key Club 10; Nat'l Pr Test 9-11; NHS 12; Soccer 9,10; SOSA 12; Spr Play 11; Teach Aide 11,12; The 11,12



Doug Dumbekis
Drama Club 10-12; Fall Play 10-12; Revue 10-12; Spring Play 10-12; Teacher Aide 12; Thespians 10-12



Mikael Demusz
Autoshop 12; CAD 10,11



Lyndee Dering
Key Club 10



Nichelle Dering
Choir 9-12; C Gld 9-12; C Gld Capt 11,12; Dram Cl 10-12; Dram Cl Off 11,12; Fall Play 10-12; FEA 12; FCCLA 9-12; FCCLA Off 10; Fr Cl 11,12; JETS 11; Kids on the Block 12; NHS 12; Natl Fr Test 11; Pr Help 12; Rev 9; Spr Play 10,11; St Gov 9,12; Thes 11,12; Vball 9; Weight Comp 9; W Gld 10-12



Cynthia Digg
Choir 9; Class Gov 9-12; FEA 12; FCCLA 9,10; Hoos Girls Slt 11; Key Club 10-12; Key Club Off 11,12; PNN 12; Prom Comm 11; Quill and Scroll 12; Revue 9; St Gov 9-12; St Gov Hist 11; Stu Gov Pres 12; YB Acad Ed 12



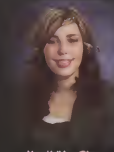
Randy Distich
Choir 9-12; Drama Club 10-12; Fall Play 10-12; Peer Mediator 9-11; Teacher Aide 12; Thespians 9-12



Jennifer Dietrich



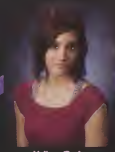
Tadeko Dör
Baseball 9-12; Baseball Captain 12; Basketball 9-11; French Club 10-12; Key Club 10,12; Peer Mediator 9-12



Mary Kathleen Dörre
Choir 9; Class Gov 9-12; Class Sec 9-11; FEA 12; FEA Teach Lia 12; FCCLA 9,10; Hoos Girls Slt 11; Key Club 10-12; NHS 12; Pr Coun 10,12; PNN 12; Prom Comm 11,12; Quill and Scroll 12; Revue 9; Sball 9; STAND 9; Swim 10; Teach Aide 11; YB Acad Ed 12



Melissa Dyer
Key Club 10; Quill and Scroll 12; Teacher Aide 12; Volleyball 9; Yearbook Copy/Senior Editor 12



Melissa Dwyer



Matthew Caleb Dugha
Baseball 9-12; Choir 9-11; Fall Play 11; Lip Sync 12; NHS 11,12; Quill and Scroll 12; Swimming 9,10; Yearbook Staff Editor 12



Marshall Pamela Dwyer



Elizabeth Dunn
FCCLA 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; STAND 9; Student Government 12; Teacher Aide 12



Danna Dunn
FCCLA 9,10; Revue 9; Varsity Choir 9



Jo'Ann Dunder
PNN 12; Revue 11; STAND 9,12



Daniel Dyer
Basketball 9; Football 9-12; Prom Court 11; Weightlifting Competition 10,11



Paul Dye
Bowling Team 12; Key Club 12; Science Olympiad 12; Teens for Christ 10-12



Christine Ekous
Bowling Team 11,12; Choir 9-12; Drama Club 11,12; Fall Play 9,11,12; Key Club 10; Kids on the Block 11,12; Revue 11,12; Spring Play 11,12; STAND 10-12



Ashley Elzer
Choir 9-12; Drama Club 9,10; Drama Club Off 10; Fall Play 9,10,12; FEA 12; Key Club 10,11; Key Club Off 11; Prom Comm 11; Revue 9; Spr Play 9; Teach Aide 12; Thes 9,10



Cassie Marie Emmitt
Choir 9,10; Dance Tm 10-12; Dance Tm Capt 11,12; Drama Club 9,12; Fall Play 9,10,12; Key Club 9; Prom Comm 12; Rev 9; STAND 12; Teach Aide 11; Tenn 9,10,12; Tenn Capt 10; Thes 12; YB Lifestyles Ed 12



Willie England



Melissa Evanshuts
Band 9,10; C Gld 9; Crs Cnty 9-12; Crs Cnty Capt 12; HC Crt Fball 12; HC On Fball 12; IU Hms Prgm 10; Natl Spn Test 12; Aide 12; Span Club 9-11; Spl Bwl 9; Stud Gov 12; Swim 10-12; Trk 9-12; Trk Capt 12; Wnt Grd 9



Jessica Nicole Falls
Basketball 9; Key Club 11; Softball 9-11; Student Advisory Committee 9



Bridget-Ryan Feyson
STAND 11,12



Megan Fluck
Color Guard 9-11; Color
Guard Captain 11; Drama
Club 12; FCCLA 9,12;
Thespians 12; Winter
Guard 10,11



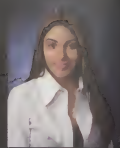
Thomas Fitzpatrick
Football 9; Wrestling 9



Brandon M. Fiks
Choir 9,10; Drama Club
10,12; Fall Play 10,12; Fr
Club 9-12; IU Hon Prog 11;
Nat'l Fr Test 9-12; Rev 10



Erin M. Flores
Band 9,10; Drumline 9,10;
NHS 12; Nat'l Fr Test
10,11; Newspaper 11,12;
Newspaper Ed 12; Quill
and Scroll 11,12; Teach
Aide 12; Track 12; Year-
book Photo Editor 12



Erin Flores



Andrea Fortin
Choir 9; SOSA 9; Swim-
ming 10



Sam Fournon
Drama Club 9-12; Drama
Club Off 10,11; Gold Aide
12; Key Club 10; Stu Gov
12; Thes 9-12; Thes Off
10,11



Sean Gaffney
Autoshop 11,12; Football 9



Angelica Gargay



Michael Gethia
Football 9-12; Lin; Sync 12;
Teacher Aide 11,12; Track
9,10; Weightlifting Com-
petition 9-12; Weightlifting
Competition Champion
9-12; Wrestling 11,12



Alivia Gethia
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
12; Fall Play 9-12; Thespi-
ans 11,12



Jimmy Gethia
Band 9-12; SOSA 11,12;
French Club 11,12; French
Club 12; NHS 11,12; Na-
tional French Test 11,12



Patrick George
Choir 9-12; Fall Play 9



Jack George
CAD 10; Peer Helper 12;
Soccer Captain 9-12;
STAND 12; Swimming
11,12; Track 9-12



Kelli Goodman



John Davidson Goudy III
Acad S' Bowl 9-12; Band 9-
12; Dec Tm 11,12; Fr Club
9-12; IU Hon Prog 11; Jazz
Impr 9,10; Jazz Imp 11,12;
JETS 11,12; NHS 11,12;
Nat'l Fr Test 11; Peer Help
12; Peer Med 9-12; Quiz
Bowl Tm 10-12; Sci Olymp
9-12; SOSA 12; Spell Bowl
Tm 9-12; Sup Bowl 9-12



Madeline Elise Goudy
Cheer 9-12; Cheer Squad
9,12; Class Gov 12; NHS
12; FEA Pres 12; HC
- B'ball 11; JETS 11;
Club 9,10; Kids on the
10; MPAC 11,12; NHS
11,12; Prc Coun 12; Pm
Comm 11,12; Pm Court 11;
Quill & Scroll 12; Valedic-
12; YB Ed Chief 12



Jeffrey Gower



Whitney Griggs
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
11,12; Fall Play 11,12;
Key Club 11; STAND 12;
Teacher Aide 11,12



Amy Guany
Homecoming Court - Bas-
ketball 11; Key Club 10;
NHS 12; Orchestra 9,10;
PNN 11,12; PNN Senior
Advisor 12; STAND 12;
Volleyball 9-11



Victoria Guzman



Yvette Guzman
Dance Team 9-11; Home-
coming Court - Basketball
10; PNN 12; Quill and
Scroll 12; Revue 10,12;
Yearbook Freshman Ed-
itor 12



Erik Hazelton-Romer



Devon Hedlett
Autoshop 12; Baseball
9,10; Football 9,10,12



Teri Hulse



Lauren Hultback
Bowling 9-12; FEA 12;
MPAC 11,12; NHS 11,12;
Orch 9,10; PNN 11,12;
Sen Video Editor 12; Vol-
leyball 9-12; Vball Capt 12;
Weight Comp 9-11



Tiana Hummel
Concert Choir 10,11; Vol-
leyball 10



Durren Heathly
Baseball 9; Basketball 9;
Football 9-12; Track 10



Aimee Hume



Jamela Harris
Basketball 9-12; Track
9-12



Jerome Harris Jr.
Guidance Aide 12; PNN
12; Revue 11; STAND
9,10; Teacher Aide 10,11



Meredith Lynn Harris
Aktion Club 9-12; Aktion
Club Secretary 10-12;
Special Olympics 9-12



Ryan Danyus Harris



Sherrill Harris
Concert Choir 12



Katelyn Haxford
Soccer 9-12



James Heshelb
Band 8; Drumline 9; SADO
11; STAND 11; Track
10-12



Jasmine Hines
Ballet 9-12; Concert Choir
9-12



Ian Homendy
Choral Teens 11; Fall Play
11,12; Guidance Aide
12; PNN 12; STAND 12;
Teacher Aide 12; Vocal
Teens 12



Callum Huglin
Newspaper 12; Swimming
10; Varsity Choir 9



Erik Huestler-Knight
Class Government 9; Fu-
ture Educators of America
12; Teacher Aide 12



Rebecca Huffman
Class Gov10-12; Football
Mngr 11,12; Student
Gov10-12; Student Gov
Officer 12; Teacher Aide 10



Ashlee Holland
Band 9-12; Class Gov 9-
12; Class Treasurer 9-12;
Emron Club 9-12; FCCLA
9,10,12; Marine Bio 9-12;
NHS 11,12; Softball 9; Stu-
dent Gov 9-12; Swimming
9-12; Volleyball 9



Neven Matthew Holland
Acad Super Bowl 11,12;
Band 9-12; Decath Team
12; FCCLA 12; Fr Club
11,12; Fr Club Officer
12; Quiz Bowl 12; SOSA
11,12; Spell Bowl 11,12



Chelsea Hoffmann
Volleyball 9



Rebecca Hoover
Softball 9-12



Dominique Hixon
Tennis 10



Sierra Howell
FCCLA 9,10; Fr Club 10-
12; Fr Club Off 11,12; Key
Club 9; Orchestra 9,10,12;
STAND 9; Student Gov 9-
12; Student Gov Off 11,12



Cassandra Hudson



Joseph Husek
PNN 11, 12; Lip Sync Host
12; Swimming 11, 12



Megan Huthinson
FEA 12; IU Health & Science Summer Program 11
Key Club 10, 12; NHS
11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12;
Teacher Aide 11; Student
Gov 9



Briana Ingegn



Asia Jacobs
Drama Club 11



Maura Jacobs
Gymnastics 9-12; Gymnastics Captain 12



Raven Jones
Gary Area Career Center
11



Natasha Jumbieshi



Jeffery Jutink
Soccer 9-12; Soccer Captain
12; Student Advisory
Committee 9



McKira Justina
Office Aide 10; Revue
10, 11; STAND 9; Lip Sync
Contest 11



McKira Justina
Dance Team 10; French
Club 11; Teach Aide 12;
Revue 11; STAND 9-12;
Lip Sync Contest 11



Stanley Jennings
Football 9-12; Weightlifting
Competition 11, 12



Danyne Johnson
Choir 10-12; Drama Club
10-12; Drama Club Off 12;
Fall Play 10-12; Spring
Play 10-12; Thes 10-12;
Thes Off 12



James Johnson



Pamela L. Johnson
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
9, 11, 12; Fall Play 9, 11, 12;
Homecoming Court Fall
12; Key Club 11, 12; NHS
11, 12; Newspaper 9;
Revue 9, 11; SOSA 12;
Thes 11, 12; Track 9-12;
Valedictorian



Rachel Marie Johnson
Key Club 10; NHS 12



Alexandria Leish Jones
NHS 11, 12; Teens for
Christ 10, 11



Cameron Jones
Aide 12; Band 9, 10; Cross
Country 9; Key Club 9;
PNN 11, 12; STAND 11;
Teens for Christ 11, 12;
Track 9-12; Weightlifting
Competition 12



Jamal Jones
Teacher Aide 10



Ja'Dalia Jones
Gymnastics 9; SOSA 10;
STAND 9, 10; Teacher Aide
12; Tennis 10; Track 9, 12;
Volleyball 9



Tianna Jordan
Color Guard 9-12; Drama
Club 11; Key Club 9-11;
Kids on the Block 11;
Newspaper 11; Peer
Helper 12



Shanna Kachon
Orchestra 9, 10; PNN
11, 12; Teacher Aide 12;
Volleyball 9-11



Frank Kajan
Aide 10



Taso Kajmieshi



Nicholas Kozaki
CAD 12; NHS 11, 12; Soccer 9-12



Maria Kayona
HERO 12



Chelsea Kelly
Basketball 9; Teacher Aide 12; Volleyball 9-12; Volleyball Captain 12



Jared Kral
Autoshop 10, 12



Jeffrey Kish
Autoshop 11, 12; CAD 9; Football 9-12; Football Captain 11; Teacher Aide 12; Track 9, 10



Matthew Kodavas
FOCLA 9; Orchestra 9-12; Planetarium 9-12; Quiz Bowl Team 12; Hoosier Boy's State 11; Presidential Classroom 11



Christopher Koppal
Baseball 9, 10; Drama Club 11, 12; Fall Play 11, 12; Football 9, 10; PNN 12; Revue 11, 12; Spring Play 11, 12; Thes 11, 12; Wrestling 9



Anastasia Koufomena
Band 9-11



Bradley Kung'u
Baseball 9; SOSA 9; Football 9-12; PNN 11; Revue 11; Track 10-12; Wrestling 9-12



Cody Leggett
PNN 11, 12



Mike Lewis
Autoshop 11, 12; Football 9; Teacher Aide 12



Rhonda Lesham
Aide 9; Key Club 9; STAND 9, 10



Michael Longmire
Football 11, 12; Football Captain 12; NHS 11, 12; Track 10-12



Patrick London
NHS 11, 12; Tennis 9-12; Tennis Captain 12



Hale Lotif
NHS 11, 12; Orchestra 9; STAND 12



Shanellie Laughlin



Jamal Lawrence
Football 10; Wrestling 9-12; Wrestling Captain 12



Bettina Lee
Fall Play 12; Revue 11



Edward Leonard
Concert Choir 9, 10; STAND 9, 10; Teacher Aide 12



Matthew Lewis
Autoshop 11, 12; Golf 9-12



Brittany Lewis



Nina Lopez
Orchestra 9-12; Volleyball 9



Kasey Lundmark
PNN 10, 11; Soccer 9-12; Soccer Captain 10, 11; STAND 9; Track 9, 10; Weightlifting Competition 9



William Love
Aide 12; Peer Helper 12



Scott Lucas
Tennis 9-12



Angelica Lucio
Teacher Aide 12



Aniel Malone
Band 9-12; FCLLA 12;
Spanish Club 12; STAND
11,12



Giovanni Mancipal
Football 9-12; Golf 10;
Guidance Aide 12; Weight-
lifting Competition 11



Brian Mauder-Lee
CAD 12; Football 10-12



Katrina Makumana
Cheerleading 9; Class Gov
11,12; Key Club 11,12; Lip
Sync 11,12; Office Aide 12;
PNN 11,12; Prom Com-
mittee 12; Quill & Scroll
12; St Gov 11,12; Teacher
Aide 12; Track 9; Yearbook
Freshman Editor 12



Nidaka George Makumani
CAD 12; NHS 11,12;
Planetarium 9-12



Caitlyn Matley
FEA 10-12; FEA Officer
12; Key Club 12; Aide
11,12; Student Govern-
ment 12



Metodij Matvichuk
Tennis 9



Craig Maxwell
Football 9



Jacqueline D. Mofin



Hector Mulvey



Michael Mulvey



Shaleen Mulvan
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
9-12; Fall Play 9,11,12;
Fr Club 11; Key Club 9;
Natural Helpers 9; Peer
Helper 11; Peer Mediator
10; Revue 10; Spr Play
9,10,12; St Gov 10



Chris Mutzall



Jeremy Maynard



Lauren Mugi
Drama Club 11,12



Laurence McCoy



Kristal Mulvan



LaDey Mathias Mulvan
Dance Team 9-11; Dance
Captain 11; Gary Area
Career Center 11; HERO
12; Key Club 9; Aide 12;
STAND 9,10



Ari Marigan Muen
Band 9,10; Color Guard
9,10; Guidance Aide 11;
Peer Helper 11; SOSA 12;



Anthony Mikulowski
Basketball 9; CAD 12;
Football 9; Soccer 10,11;
Track 9-12; Track Captain
11,12



Beth J. Miller



Jacqueline Miller
Class Sec 12; IU Honors
Program 11; NHS 11,12;
NHS Sec 12; Orch 9-11;
Stu Adv Comm 11,12; Stu
Gov 9; Volleyball 9-11



Blah Mbeff
Dance Team 9-11; Dance
Team Capt 10; Fall Play
10; HC Court B'ball 9,11;
HC Princess 11; Kids on
the Block 10; NHS 12; Peer
Helper 12; Revue 10;
STAND 9



Laura Mbeff
Orchestra 9-12



Kyle Mbeff
Baseball 9; Football 9-12;
Lip Sync 12; Revue 9;
Track 10; Wrestling 9-12;
Wrestling Captain 12



Blair J. Mbeff
Band 9-12; FCCA 11,12;
Jazz Impressions 9-12;
Jazz Impact 9-12; Key
Club 11; Track 9-12



Muhlis Mbeff
HERO 12



Kim Mbeff



Teresa Mbeff
Student Government 11;
Teacher Aide 12



Shante Nelson
HERO 12



Jeffery Nwankwo



Dore Nwankwo
CAD 10-12; Class
Government 11,12; Key
Club 12; NHS 11,12; NHS
Treasurer 12; STAND
11; Student Government
11,12; Swimming 11



Ashley Nwankwo



Kristin Nwankwo
Aide 11; Key Club 12; NHS
11,12



George Nwankwo
Autoshop 12; Band 9,10;
Jazz Band 9



DeAndre O. Nwankwo
Band 10-12



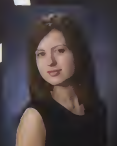
Mariana O'Donoghue
Future Educators of
America 12; SOSA 9



Fajin O'Donoghue
Academic Super Bowl
10-12; FCCA 11,12; SOSA
Bowl Team 10-12; Super
Bowl 10-12; Teens for
Christ 11,12



Erica O'Donoghue



Benedetta O'Donoghue



Ryan O'Donoghue
Football 9



David O'Donoghue
AFJROTC 10; Concert
Choir 9; STAND 9,10;
Teacher Aide 12; Teens for
Christ 10-12



Tiffany O'Donoghue
Basketball 9; PNH 11,12;
Softball 9-12; Volleyball
9-11; Weightlifting Com-
petition 9-12; Weightlifting
Competition Champion
9-11



Ben O'Donoghue
Academic Super Bowl
10-12; Band 9-11; SOSA
9-12; Decathlon Team 12;
Newspaper 12; Spell Bowl
Team 12



Alyssa O'Donoghue



Christopher O'Donoghue
Golf 10,11; Soccer 10



Anthony Davis
National Honor Society
11, 12



Derek Davis
Key Club 9; Wrestling 9, 10



Marcus Delbus
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
12; Fall Play 12; Spring
Play 12; Thespians 11, 12



Steven Paul
AutoShop 12



Andrea Peabody
Academic Super Bowl 9-
12; Key Club 9; Marine Bio
10, 12; NHS 11, 12; Peer
Mediator 9, 10; Spell Bowl
11, 12; Swimming 9-12;
Swimming Capt 11, 12



Lauren Payne
Class Gov 11, 12; Dance
Team 10, 11; Dance Capt
11; Key Club 10-12; Key
Club Off 12; Peer Helper
12; Prom Comm 11; Prom
Court 11; Span Club 10-12;
STAND 9-12; STAND Off
12; Stu Gov 10-12; Stu
Gov Off 12; Swimming 11



Nicholas Thomas
Band 9-12; Class Gov
11; FCCLA 11, 12; FCCLA
Officer 12; Jazz Impres-
sions 9-12; Jazz Impact
9-12; Small Bowl Team 11;
Student Government 11



Ryan Pick



Daniel Palford
Football 9



Erica Perry



Kaven Peabody
Art Club 9; PNN 12;
STAND 10, 11



Lauren Jo Vaughn Thomas
Revue 11; Teacher Aide
12; Teens for Christ 12;
Track 10-12; Volleyball
9, 10; Weightlifting Compe-
tition 9, 12



Kenneth Tolpous
Football 9, 11, 12; NHS
11, 12; NHS President 12;
Track 10-12; Valedictorian



Amanda Thomas
Band 9-12; Planetarium
9; Student Government 9;
Swimming 9



Chyna Price
PNN 12



Jannita Price
Revue 11



Santana Tolan Pruitt



Brian Purser
Drama Club 11, 12; Peer
Helper 12; PNN 11, 12;
Revue 9, 10; Track 9



Kimberly Calipso
Teacher Aide 12



Rico Ramos
Cross Country 9; Teens for
Christ 12; Track 9



Vanessa M. Ramos
Choir 9; Volleyball 9, 10;
Weightlifting Competition 9



Lucille Elizabeth Randolph
Softball 11, 12; STAND
11, 12; Teens for Christ
11, 12



Jackson Avelis Rangelovich
Baseball 9; Basketball 9-
11; Football 9-12; Football
Capt 12; Key Club 9-11;
Teacher Aide 12; Weight-
lifting Competition 11, 12



Richard Timothy Randolph III
CAD 10, 11; Class Pres 9-
11; Class Gov 9-12; MPAC
11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Sci
9-12; Scr Capt 12; Stu Gov
9-12; Trk 9-12; Trk Capt
12; Weight Comp 9, 10;
Weight Comp Champ 10



Duffon C. Richards



Beth Ricks
HERO 11,12



Cecilia Rivers
Choir 11,12; Fall Play 12;
Key Club 12; Peer Helper
12; Peer Mediator 9;
Speech&Debate Team 11;
Teacher Aide 12



Demell Roberts
CAD 11,12; Football 9;
Track 11,12; Wrestling 10



Camille Robinson
Key Club 12



Keegan Robinson
Choir 11,12; Fall Play 12;
FCCLA 12; Key Club 12;
Revue 11; Spring Play 12;
STAND 10,12



Lorraine Robinson



Gerald Rodriguez
Football 9; French Club
11,12; Golf 9-12; PNN
11,12; Weightlifting Com-
petition 9



April Roundhouse



Daniel Roussinot



David Team
Football 12; Track 9,11,12;
Track Captain 12



Crystalyn Jade V. Roy
Choir 11,12; Fall Play 12;
PNN 12



Hankie Salles
STAND 11,12



Jackson Sammons



Rachel Santiago
Basketball 9-11; Orchestra
9-12; Soccer 9



Danielle Denise Saunders
Drill Team 11,12; STAND
12; Student Government 9;
Track 9; AFJROTC 12



Daniel Seaton



Stephen Scott



Devin Seaton
Football 11,12; Track 11



Jaxxon Skowman



Sandra Skifford
STAND 12



Jamie Sisk
Band 9-12; Drumline
11,12; FCCLA 9-12; FC-
CLA Officer 9-12; Soccer
9; STAND 11; Student
Government 9; Swimming
Manager 10-12



Christopher Stephens Smith
Mascot 12; Concert Choir
9; Lip Sync 12; Swimming
10; Yearbook 12; Yearbook
Performing Arts Editor



Joe Smith



Kenneth Smith
Football 11,12; Teacher
Aide 12



Nicholas Smith
Football 10



Ramona Sneed



Haleigh Stryker



Shaun Sotomayor
Autoshop 12; CAD 11,12



Norma Sofia



Jessica Lindsay Soto
Homecoming Court Bas-
ketball 10



David Sparks
Academic Super Bowl
11,12; Band 9-12; SOSA
10-12; Drumline 10; Drum
Major 11,12; Fall Play 12;
Jazz Impressions 9-11;
Jazz Impact 10,11; Spell
Book Team 10-12



Jackson Spores
Baseball 9,10; FCCLA
12; Football 9-11; Natural
Helpers 9; Cheerlead-
ing 12



Douglas Spores
Autoshop 12; CAD 11;
Football 9-12; Track 10,11;
Weightlifting Competition
10,11



Melissa De'Nea Spencer
Color Guard 12; Drama
Club 9,10; Drill Team 12;
FCCLA 9,10; STAND 9;
Thespians 9,10



Wendy Spencer



Geoffrey Sperring
Band 9-12; C Grid 12;
SOSA 9-12; Drama Cb
9-12; Drum Major 11;
FCCLA 9-10; Jazz Imp 9;
Key Cb 9-12; Key Cb Off
11; Revue 10; Spring Play
10; STAND 12; Pirate Cnd
10-12; Stud Gov 9,10,12;
W Grid 10,11



Benjamin Spies
Newspaper 12; Peer
Helper 12; Soccer 9-12;
Teacher Aide 12; Track
9-12



Lauren Stocks
Cheerleading 9,10; Choir
9; PNN 10-12; PNN
Senior Advisor 12; Softball
9-12; Teacher Aide 12;
Valentine's Day Dance
Queen 9; Weightlifting
Competition 9,12



Cori Stephenson
SOSA 9



Baiting Stewart
Color Guard 9; Valentine's
Day Dance Queen 10



Conita Steward
Choir 9; Revue 9; Teacher
Aide 12



Kevin Steinhilber
Choir 9



Chad Lawrence Stogard



Brad Stone
Teacher Aide 12



Ryan Sullivan
Bowling 9-11; Golf 9;
NHS 12



Johnson D. Sumbry



Nathan Tashis Swaffin
Autoshop 12; Teacher
Aide 12



Barbara A. Sauttle
Football Manager 10-12;
Student Government
12; Student Trainer 12;
Swimming 9,10; Teacher
Aide 10



Sunshine Spauls
French Club 9; Key Club
9,10; Natural Helpers 9;
STAND 9,10



Jason Tabbot
Football 9-12; Track 9,10



Lee Telling



Elaina Tennen



Yvonne Tapia



Rodney J. Taylor



Rodney Thomas Jr.



Edwin Toledo Jr.
Golf 11,12; Graphic Arts
10-12; Student Advisory
Committee 9



Kamisha Titus
Softball 10; Volleyball 9



LaToya Tommy
Teacher Aide 12



Lauren Townsend
Key Club 12; Tennis 9-12



Fawcett L. Turner
Dance Team 11; Revue
10-12; Teacher Aide 12



Byron R. Turner II
Band 9-12; Class Govern-
ment 9-12; Jazz Impres-
sions 9-12; Jazz Impact
9-12; Peer Mediator 9-11;
Student Government 9-12;
Student Government Of-
ficer 9-11



Devonnie Upshaw
Key Club 10; Peer Helper
12; PNN 12; Revue 11;
STAND 10



Brandon Usher
Football 9-12; Track 9-10



Lauren Velasco
Softball 9



Jessica Velazquez
Gary Area Career Center
11; HERO 12



Amy Torres Vangala
Choir 9; Homecoming
Court - Basketball 11;
NHS 12; Softball 9-12;
SADD 11,12; Volleyball
9-12; Volleyball 12



Valentin Ventura



Kase Vialachy
Key Club 10; Quest/
Natural Helpers 9; Student
Government 9; Yearbook
12; Yearbook Lifestyles
Editor 12



Deanne Walker
Class Gov 10,12; Dance
Team 9; FEA 11; FCCLA
10; Orch 9-11; Peer Med
9-12; Prom Comm 11,12;
Span Club 10; STAND
9-12; STAND Off 11,12;
SADD 10; Stu Gov 9,10,12



Jewell Wall
Band 9; Football 9,11,12



Ashley Walters
Orchestra 9-12; Volleyball 9



Andrea Williams
 FCCLA 9-12; FCCLA
 11; Soccer 9-12; STAND
 11; Swimming Manager
 10; Swimming 10, 12



Justin Watkins



Mouka West
 AFJROTC 11, 12; Peer
 Helper 9; Peer Mediator 9;
 Teacher Aide 10



Isaac White
 Basketball 9-12



Josh White
 Basketball 9-12; Basket-
 ball Captain 12; French
 Club 11



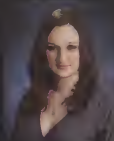
Michael Roy White



Nicholas L. Whitfield
 CAD 10; Football 9, 10;
 Gary Area Career Center
 11; STAND 12; SADD 12;
 Track 9-12; Track Captain
 12



Marcus Whitl
 NHS 11-12; Newspaper
 12; PNN 12; Quilt & Scroll
 12; STAND 11, 12; Year-
 book 12



Heather Whitmore



Alysia Wilby
 Basketball 10; Choir 9;
 Color Guard 10; Teacher
 Aide 12; Winter Guard 11



Taddious Wilkerson
 AutoShop 11; Band 9;
 Basketball 9, 10; Drumline
 9; Winter Drumline 9



Eric Williams
 Football 9-12; Football
 Captain 12; Weightlifting
 Competition 10



Shannon Williams
 Dance Team 9-11; Dance
 Captain 10, 11; Homecom-
 ing Court - Football 12;
 Key Club 9; Revue 10;
 Spring Play 10; STAND 9



Victor LaShawn Williams II
 SOCA 11, 12; FEA 12;
 FCCLA 10; FCCLA Off-
 10; Key Club 11, 12; Pirate
 Coun 11; STAND 9-12;
 STAND Off 10, 11; Stud
 Gov 12



Whitney Williams
 Cross Country 12; STAND
 11, 12; Swimming 11, 12;
 Track 11, 12



Wilzon Williams
 Wrestling 11, 12



Xavier Jamar Wilson



Joseph J. Wing
 Soccer 9-11; Wrestling
 9-12



Garrett Winton



Ciara Woods



Brett Wulchick
 Building Trades 11, 12



Gerald Young II
 CAD 12; Football 11, 12;
 Track 11, 12



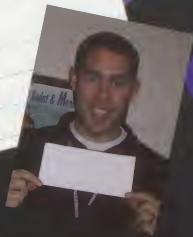
Rigoberto Zambrano Jr.
 Baseball 9-12; Baseball
 Captain 12; Revue 12



Christopher Zapata

A Final Lesson...

*Now it's time to really open a book and study.
- Mr. Michael Megyesi*



High school is just another step on a lifelong journey of learning. Now, with this part of the journey done, it is time to go on to bigger and better things because there are many places to see, people to meet and experiences that are yet to come. Be open to it all because education continues throughout life. - Mrs. Maggie Stallings



*TRUE JOY IS FOUND WHEN YOU SERVE OTHERS,
NOT YOURSELF. - MR. JARED PIERSON*



*NINETY PERCENT OF THE FINAL EXAMS IN COLLEGE WILL
BE BASED ON THE ONE LECTURE YOU MISSED AND THE ONE
BOOK YOU DIDN'T READ, SO GO TO CLASS, TAKE NOTES, AND
READ THE REQUIRED MATERIAL. IF YOU CAN DO THOSE THREE
THINGS, COLLEGE WILL BE SIMPLE. IF NOT, THERE IS ALWAYS
McDONALD'S OR MEGYESI'S JOB. - MR. NICHOLAS PETRALIA*



Kary Allen
Dorey Anderson
Martha Anderson
Robert Anthony Anderson
Valerie Angelis
Don Ara

Hop Asa: Broughton
Academic Super Bowl 10-12;
Art Club 12



Jonathan Baker

Park Baker

Anton Barnes
AFJROTC 11,12; Basketball 9,10;
Soccer 9-12



Jeff Tranel Barnes

Randy Barham

Victor Baring
Band 11,12; Drumline 12

Rodney Barden

Anne Janet Bishop

McKen Bolton



Ann Brown

Joseph Brown

Revue 11



Theodore Brown
Track 11,12
Mark Buckner
PNN 12; Tennis 12

Jeremy Bugert
Concert Choir 12

Justin Bungala

Steven Burrey

Jeremy Byrd
AFJROTC 10-12; Aide 10;
PNN 12

Timothy Campbell
Football 9-11; NHS 11,12;
STAND 12;
Track 9,10,12

Brianne Carter
Orchestra 10,12; Revue 11,12



Wen Gao Chen

Colleen Church

Michael Chumilla
Autoshop 11,12; Orchestra 9-11;
Soccer 9,10

Mary Cuchi

STAND 9,10

Nora Dangmachi



Mark Daniel

Shannon Daniels III

Clayton Jami Davis

Samuel Dawson
STAND 12; Teacher Aide 12;
Track 12

Justin Dean

Drill Team 11,12

Bonjamin Day

Darin Davidson

Scott William Dawood

Elfish Debes

Marshall Jaron Flippin

Justin Flores

Cross Country 9,10; Wrestling 9-11

Art Familia

Autoshop 11; Band 9,10

Kathleen Gaines

PNN 11; STAND 9

William Genth

Crystal Gerga

Austin Gibson

Talylia Gibson

Dion Andrew Giden

Francisco Gorgaly
Autoshop 12; Track 9-12;
Wrestling 9,10

James Gordon
Teacher 12; Wrestling 9-12

Lukas Gordon

Kyralia Greene

Justin Guzman

Nicole Guyman
Color Guard 9,10; FOCLA 9

Marissa Hall

Rebecca Marie Hall

James Handley

Kyralia Kiana Haven

Rosebud Savanna Havens

Tony Havis

Teacher Aide 12; Track 9-12;
Weightlifting Competition 11

Bonnie Hatfield IV

AFJROTC 10-12

William Headley

Natural Helpers 9

Jesus Herrera

AFJROTC 10,11; Diving 10; Homing Crt
- Bball 10; Key Club 9; Revue 11

Nina Tonia Hephitis



William Hyman

Autism Houston
Cheerleading 9,11; Choir 10,11;
Cross Country 9,10; Cross Country Capt 9,10;
Track 9-11

Dominique Howard

Football 11

Carla Carl Howard Jr.
CAD 10,11

Paul Hyde

David Jay

Wrestling 12

John Jackson
Football 10,12; Track 10-12;
Wrestling 10,12



Michael Jay Jackson
Football 12; Track 12
Largie Jenkins



Anthony Jensen

STAND 11,12

William Johnson

John G. Johnson II

James Johnson
Art Club 11; Art Club Officer 11;
Basketball 9

Lauren Johnson

French Club 10-12;

Softball 11,12

Familia Jones-Adams

Revue 10

Tom Jones

Orchestra 10-12

Jonathan Jones

Zach Kainen

James Kaplan

Future Educators

of America 12;

Gary Area Career Center 11

Marissa Karmay

Dance Team 11; Peer Helper 10;
Prom Committee 10,11;
Prom Court 11; STAND 12

Shannon Kasler

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Planetarium 9,10

Qing King

Rosebud Lawrence Jr.

Russian Club 9,11

Colleen Lawler

Justin Lewis

Christian Lobatinski
Basketball 9-12; Bball Capt 11,12;
HC Court Bball 9; MPAC 11,12; Peer
Mediator 9-12; Softball 9; SADO 12;
Teach Aide 12; Track 10;
Vball 9-12; Vball Capt 12;
Weight Comp 9,11,12



David Labatinski
Baseball 9-12; Baseball Captain 12; Basketball
9,10; Prom Court 11



Colleen Madoloni

Miguel Magallanes
Autoshop 11; Building Trades 12

John Marshall
Art Club 12

Victoria D. Matting

Robert Mason

Robert Mays
Football 9-11; Track 9

Cheryl McMillan

Melissa Miller

Holly Miller

Samantha Minton

Kenneth Morris

Jason Musley

Ronald Musley Jr.

Lefebvre Thomas Noble
Basketball 9-12; Track 10,12



Diamond Ramsey

David O'Reilly

Blond Oak

Austin O'Leary
Football 9-11; Swimming 9

Karen O'Leary

Danielle Page

Peer Mediator 9-12; Teacher Aide 12

Russell Pankratz

Ray Pankratz

Lafayette Parks Phelps

Ronald Philip

Rocket Launching

Competition

Christina Phillips

Jessica Chynoweth Phillips

Jason Pinson

Michael Pinski

Football 11,12; STAND 12;
Teens for Christ 11,12; Track 11,12

Jeremy Pinski

Alexander Pines
Baseball 9-12; Wrestling 9-12

Javier Pinski

Soccer 11,12

Saul Pinski

Soccer 10; Spanish Club 11;
AFJROTC 11

Christopher Pinski

Track 9,10,12

Ryan Pinski

Football 9-12

Raymond Pinski

David Richmond III

Basketball 9; Cross Country 9;
Spring Play 11; Track 9-12;

Track Captain 12

Alexander Rishinski

Football 9; Soccer 9-12;
Soccer Captain 12



Faith Roberts

Joey Robinson

Lefebvre Robinson

LaToya Rodgers

Gary Area Career Center 11;
Key Club 12; National Honor Society 11;
STAND 12; Volleyball 11

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Dellie Ross

David Samis

Phillip Sanchez

Phillip Sanchez

Timothy Sasson

James Schuman

Julian Sellers

Amel Smith

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Special Olympics 9-12

Christopher Adam Smith

Chayla Alexandra Smith

John Smith

Peer Helper 12

Karen Smith

Aktion Club 11,12

Romina Smelling

Dan Southall

D'Andre Spence



John Stiller

CAO 10-12; Golf 9-12; Swimming 9-12;
Swimming Captain 11,12; Tennis 9-12; Tennis
Captain 12



Michael Stokes

Carrie Sullivan

Band 9-11; Drama Club 12

Megan Sweeney
Caretaker 9-12; Teacher Aide 12

Hugh Telford

Roberta Van Vleet

Band 9-12; Diving 12; Drama Club 9;

Drum Major 12; FFLA 9;

Spell Bowl 12; Track 9,12

Roberta Van Vleet

Soccer 10-12; Swimming 12;

Track 12



Samuel Vandy

Baseball 9-12; Football 11,12

Jane M. Vannoy-Rodriguez

Collette Walton

Basketball 9-12

William Wright

Darius Vincent White

Ross Whitehead

Austin Williams

Jean Williams

Marcus Williams

Tanya Williams

Anton Wilson



Jeffrey Wilson

Matthew Wynn

Autoshop 12; Newspaper 11

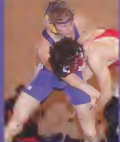
Darius Wright

Key Club 12; STAND 12

Kyle Yarnall

SOSA 9-12; Wrestling 9-12;

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Nicholas Zafiro

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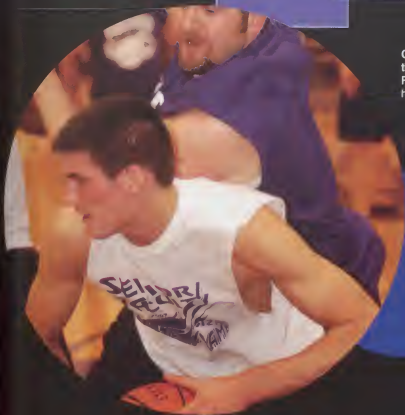
SENIORS



Ready to play, Senior Damien Handley uses his speed to get past newcomer Mr. Mike Stills. "After the game, I was ready to go home. I was mad that the seniors lost and that I lived in the wrong basket," Handley said.

Defending the ball, Senior Michael Gates fights off Mr. Michael Knocke. Playing against the faculty gave seniors the chance to battle with the teachers. "I was devastated by the loss. I really thought the seniors were going to attack those teachers," Gates said.

VS FACULTY



Confident in his game, Senior Joshua Raspopovich protects the ball from Mr. Tim James. After suffering a tough loss, Raspopovich said, "I was disappointed in myself. I could have done a lot better than I did."



As Social Studies teacher Mr. Mike Megyesi defends the ball against Senior Daniel Dwyer, he looks to pass to another faculty player. Mr. Megyesi said he practiced everyday for a week to prepare for the game. "I was both anxious and nervous before the game. I was a little worried about hurting a student," Mr. Megyesi said.

The crowd stands up and cheers as the seniors anticipate what will hopefully be another win.

Against all odds, the seniors came out defeated, letting the faculty take the win away.

"After the loss of the game, I was a little mad, but after all, it was just a game," Senior Coach Jamesha Harris said.

Harris also said she tried to choose the best players by who scored the most and who also played the best defense.

Many requirements were needed to be able to play in the game; any senior who wanted to play was required to go to seven senior meetings, and because of the large quantity of players, a vote was also necessary.

"I was excited to play in the game," Senior Darren Handley said, "I wasn't nervous at all."

Nerves were not a major factor of the game for the winning faculty.

"It's fun to look forward to playing in the game, considering the fact that

there's a crowd of 2400 people who don't like you. It's an adrenaline rush to do better," Social Studies teacher Mr. Anthony Hofer said.

Along with the adrenaline rush, many strategic methods were needed in order to win the game.

"I think the main strategy was playing man to man and not being a track team by running up and down the court. I also made sure that everyone was not just following each other. I played my best players at all times," Social Studies teacher Mr. Nick Petralia said.

Excitement filled the majority of seniors throughout the game. Many looked at this opportunity as one of the last chances to spend quality time together.

"I really didn't care about the game because that wasn't what was important to me. All of the seniors having one of our last gatherings was far more important," Senior Brianna Carter said.



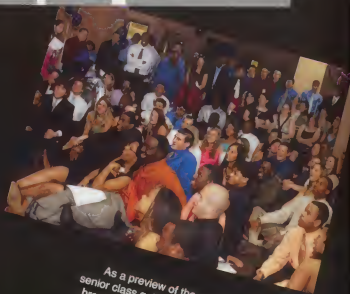
Amid the busy cafeteria, students eat as they browse through the senior magazine and discuss it with friends. The senior magazine consists of random pictures from senior year, senior wills, senior choice awards and different memories of various students.



Lined one after another down Stadium Road, seniors drive around the entire campus while underclassmen continue to learn in class. On this day, the seniors were able to leave school after eating and circling the school. The drive-around has been a tradition for decades.

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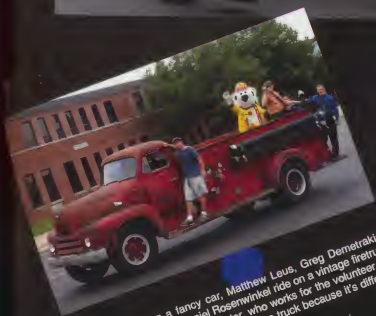
Senior Breakfast & Drive-Around



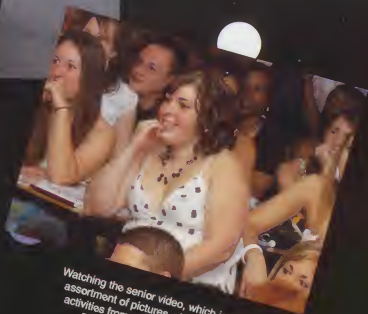
As a preview of the senior video plays, the senior class gathers around the television. The breakfast serves as one of the last gatherings of the whole senior class. Seniors get a chance to eat and socialize with their peers before previewing the senior video.



While Senior Matthew Bane rides in the rickshaw, Seniors Jacob George and Metodij Marinceski pull him through the rain. The idea was inspired by MHS alumni Justin Floyd and Kevin Wilson who intended to use the idea in a previous year. The rickshaw was made out of household supplies found in the boys' homes.



Instead of bringing a fancy car, Matthew Leus, Greg Demetrakis, Gregory Branham and Daniel Rosenwinkel ride on a vintage firetruck brought in by Senior Joshua Carter, who works for the volunteer fire department. "I was excited to ride on the truck because it's different from everything else," Rosenwinkel said.



Watching the senior video, which is made up of an assortment of pictures, video clips and footage of activities from senior year, Senior Mary Kathleen Dixon smiles. Many students submitted their personal pictures to go in the 3 1/2 hour video put together by PNN.

After Baccalaureate, Seniors Ashley Elser and Keegan Robinson embrace each other with smiles. The service included speeches by assorted religious leaders from the community, encouraging the graduates to keep faith a main component in their futures.



Baccalaureate

With faith in the future



FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: Voted by the students to be Keynote Speaker, English teacher Mr. Brian Paet talks about his year of teaching and coaching. Paet feels the ceremony is an important end for the seniors. "I thought the students gave it was a great unifying ceremony for all students to finish their high school careers on a positive note," Mr. Paet said.

As Principal Mr. Michael Krutz opens his speech by thanking the students for a positive year, he also offers familiar advice to the seniors, not only for the last few days of high school, but for the future as well. "You make split second decisions that have long lasting effects," Mr. Krutz said.

Under the direction of Mr. John Bradford, orchestra members play "Allegro in D" by Antonio Vivaldi as the seniors enter Bradford's orchestra has regularly performed for Baccalaureate.

One of the student speakers, Senior Rebekka van Wickern from Germany, reflects on her year in America as part of the exchange student program in her speech. "I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to speak for the seniors," van Wickern said. "I'm really going to miss being here."



With songs about hope and faith for the future, the choir sings under the direction of Mr. Roger Emig. In addition to the class ensemble, several students from the choir sang solos and ensembles. This ceremony marked the choir's last performance under Mr. Emig's direction.

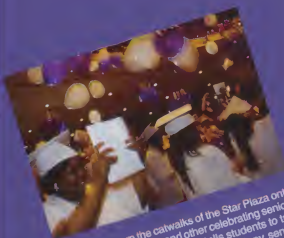




Voted Keynote Speaker by the senior class, Mr. John Lambersie gives his students a final lesson. He reminded the seniors to thank their parents regularly for guiding them to their successes, to pursue an enjoyable future and to make sure they have a lot of fun.



Shaking the hand of Principal Mr. Michael Krutz, Salutatorian Kyle Bonick receives his diploma cover. Bonick's speech focused on the transitions between the past, present and future which led into the valedictorian speeches.



Balloons fall from the catwalks of the Star Plaza onto Senior Whitney Griggs and other celebrating seniors as Principal Mr. Michael Krutz tells students to turn their tassels, making them alumni. Many seniors continued their celebration after the ceremony with family and friends.



Students listen to the speech given by Keynote Speaker Mr. John Lambersie as they smile at one of the sarcastic remarks that filled the speech, "Lambo is a really witty guy, and he delivered an amazing, 13-minute speech that I watched him memorize," Senior Cassandra Adler said. Even though Mr. Lambersie has previously spoken at a commencement ceremony, he was voted by the students to speak again.

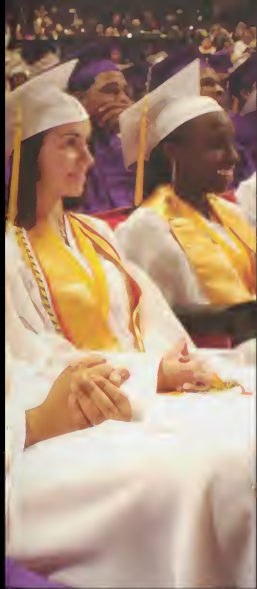
Jalal Abdul-Halif, Ashleigh Ashkanasy



Class of 2007 Valedictorians

Commencement

Focusing on the past,
present and future



Presented by Senior Class Treasurer Ashlee Holland, the senior class gift is a replica of an authentic pirate chest serving as a time capsule that will be opened at the ten-year class reunion. Students were asked to bring in private belongings, such as pictures or clothes, to fill the chest before it was sealed at the ceremony. The pirate chest will sit in the main lobby to serve as a school spirited decoration.

Madeline Goyert, Farnela Johnson, Kenneth Polzeos and Richard Reddick III



Captions: M. Darang Maestro: M. Darang Pictures: Giolas

Senior Choice Awards

Best Personality



Cody Dallas and Amy Gurney

Best Dressed



Charles Biffle and Ashley Amey

Best Body



Darren Handley and Marissa Jacobs

Most Likely to Succeed



Ashish Anathanapalli and Melissa Danang

Class Clown



Christopher Smith and Crystalynn Roy

Best Actor / Actress

Dwayne Johnson and Jaclyn Boskamp



Most Intelligent

Jalen Abdul-Hafiz and Jacqueline Miller



Best Dancer

Shannon Williams and Brian Puchen



Best Car

Xavier Wilson and Blain Mitchell



Cutest Couple

Drew Dawson and Yvette Guzman



Tamisha Brown and Cameron Jones



Best Hair



Samuel Dawson and Megan Hutchinson

Nicest Smile



Tianna Jordan

Most Actively Involved



Cynthia Diaz and Victor Williams

Most Likely to Teach at MHS



Madeline Govert and Bradley Kunczynski

Most Likely to Stay Friends



Damon Handley and Kenneth Smith

Most Likely to Stay Friends



Kimberly Quijano and Sara Furman

Most Musical

Jacyln Baskamp and Jafar Abdul-Hafiz

Most Likely to Become Famous

Ma Riya Jenkins and Brian Puckner

Most Athletic



Drew Dawson and Christina Lobadinaki

Most Spirited



Bradley Kunczynski and Amy Vangas

Most Popular



Katrina Makonoumas and Michael Gates

Most Talkative



Rahnie Dix and Enola Akinnade

Kyle Bonick



YOU HAVE
CONTINUED TO
MAKE US PROUD
WITH EACH PASSING
YEAR. YOU ARE
UNIQUE, HONEST
AND STRONG.
REMAIN FOCUSED
ON YOUR GOALS
AND YOUR FUTURE
WILL HOLD GREAT
PROMISE.

GOOD LUCK!
WE LOVE YOU!

MOM & DAD

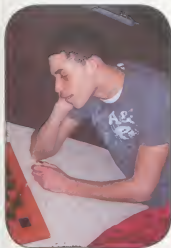


Melissa Darang

CONGRATULATIONS MELISSA ANNE DARANG.
YOUR FUTURE IS AS SPECIAL AS YOU ARE.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD AND SISTER DYAN





FROM THE DAY YOU
WERE BORN,
TO THE YOUNG MAN
YOU HAVE BECOME,
I ADMIRE THE COURAGE
I SEE IN YOU,
I TREASURE THE FRIEND
I HAVE IN YOU,
I CHERISH
THE LOVE OF YOU,
MY VERY SPECIAL SON,
THERE IS SO MUCH IN
THE WORLD FOR YOU
TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE,
ENJOY IT ALL...
LOVE, MOM & DAD

**Christopher
Smith**



**Cassandra
Adler**



CASSIE,
THANK YOU FOR
18 WONDERFUL
YEARS.

LOVE,
MOM



JACQUELINE,

WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE PERSON YOU'VE BECOME AND
OF ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. STUDY HARD AND
HAVE FUN AT PURDUE. MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME
TRUE. WE'LL MISS YOU!
MUCH LOVE,

DAD & MOM, JOHNNY & ERIN, JEFF & BRE



Jacqueline Suzanne Miller

Madeline Elise Govert



MADDIE,

"CHEERS" TO YOU! WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU
AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AS YOU TRAVEL TOWARD NEW
MILESTONES, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE WITH INTEGRITY. BUILD
BRIDGES NOT WALLS! CHERISH THE MOMENTS. THEY WILL BECOME
MEMORIES. KEEP YOUR FAITH. BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL! DANCE
LIKE NO ONE IS WATCHING. NOW, GO CONFIDENTLY IN THE
DIRECTION OF YOUR DREAMS. THE FUTURE IS WAITING FOR YOU.

WE LOVE YOU,
MOM & DAD





OUR DEAREST KALYNN,
YOU ALWAYS HAVE THAT TWINKLE IN YOUR EYES AND
MISCHIEVOUS SMILE. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.
GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS AT IUPUI.
LOVE,
MOM, GRANDPA, COLLEEN, PATRICK AND DEBBIE

Kalynn



Harstad

TIMMY,
WE ARE SO PROUD
OF YOU! YOU ARE,
AND WILL ALWAYS
BE, OUR SHINING
STAR.
LOVE YOU,

MOM, DAD
AND TA



**Tim
Reddick**



BEST WISHES FOR
A SUCCESSFUL
FUTURE.

LOVE,
YOUR FAMILY

OMEDETOU
GOZAIMASU
&
GAMBATTE
KUDASAI!

**Julian
Hiroshi
Sameshima**



Matthew Leus

MATTHEW,
YOU CAN
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING YOU
SET YOUR MIND
TO! YOU HAVE THE
"KNACK." WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU.
LOVE,
MOM, DAD,
CHRISSY + LUCKY



**Blair Elizabeth
Mitchell**

YOU ARE INTREPID, CARING,
ELEGANT AND THE LIGHT
OF MY LIFE! BLAIR, YOU ARE
DESTINED FOR GREATNESS AND
DESERVING OF EVERYTHING
THAT IS FABULOUS! MAY GOD
CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU
WITH THE BEST.

SUCCESS COMES IN MANY
FORM. ALLOW IT TO BE
YOUR GREATEST AMBITION!

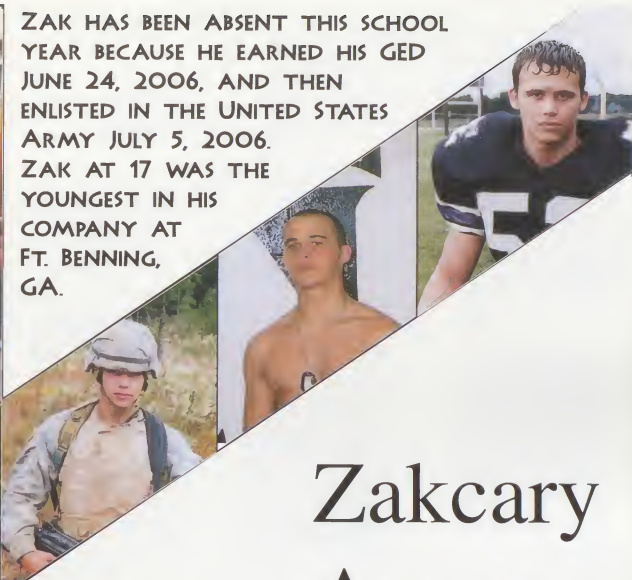
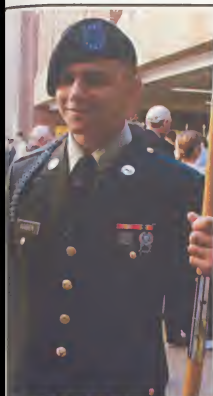
I AM EXTREMELY PROUD
OF YOU AND YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS. LOVE
ALWAYS AND FOREVER, MOM

ZAK HAS BEEN ABSENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR BECAUSE HE EARNED HIS GED JUNE 24, 2006, AND THEN ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JULY 5, 2006. ZAK AT 17 WAS THE YOUNGEST IN HIS COMPANY AT FT. BENNING, GA.

Zakcary Aaron Kaiser

ZAK,
WE
LOVE YOU
VERY MUCH,
AND WE ARE
SO PROUD OF
YOUR ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS IN THE UNITED
STATES ARMY.

LOVE YOU ALWAYS,
MOM, DAD, SAMANTHAH,
MATTHEW, TYLER MAE AND HUNTER
NICHOLE





CONGRATULATIONS
PAMELA!
KEEP REACHING
FOR YOUR
DREAMS.

WITH LOVE
AND PRIDE,

MOM, DAD
AND RANDY

**Pamela
Johnson**



**Cody
Dallas**

CONGRATULATIONS
CODY!

KEEP CHASING YOUR
DREAMS.

NEVER LET ANYONE
CURB THE PASSION
THAT HAS ENABLED
YOU TO ACHIEVE SO
MUCH.

KEEP SWINGING FOR
THE FENCE AND YOU
WILL REALIZE THOSE
DREAMS.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, NICK
AND ASHLEY



Kara Vislosky

MAY THE LIGHT BE
ON YOUR FACE,
THE WIND
AT YOUR BACK,
AND YOUR SPIRIT
ALWAYS SOAR.
LOVE,





Michelle Deming

MICHELLE,

YOU WILL "RIDE"
YOUR WAY TO
SUCCESS! WE LOVE
YOU.

MOM, DAD
AND KIM

**Mary Kathleen
Dixon**

MY IRIS PRINCESS,

YOU HAVE DONE SUCH
A GREAT JOB AND
ARE SUCH
AN INSPIRATION
TO MANY.
YOUR DAD WOULD BE
VERY PROUD OF YOU.
I LOVE YOU!

LOVE,
MOM



CONGRATULATIONS, SEXY!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.
GO GET 'EM TIGER!
LOVE YOU,
MOM & DAD

**Ian
Hernandez**



CONGRATULATIONS!
WE ARE SO, SO PROUD OF YOU. MAY YOU CONTINUE
TO SET GOALS AND REACH THEM.
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DAD, MOM, JJ, TIM AND MAKAYLA

John



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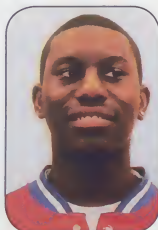
YOU'RE A
DIAMOND.
CONGRATS!

LOVE,
MOM, GENESIS
AND NADIA

**Robert 'Shaunn'
Lowe**

WE ARE SO HAPPY
FOR YOU
AND PROUD
OF YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD AND
FAMILY



Carla Emmett



CONGRATULATIONS, CARLA!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE,
MOM, DAD, KEVIN AND CHERYL



Derrianne Upshaw

Derrianne,

*I have watched you grow from a beautiful little girl
into a beautiful young lady and I first want you to know how very proud
I am of you. I want you to always shine and keep God first in your life,
because with Him all things are possible.*

*Love always,
Mom,
Sherry Lloyd-Shultz*

P.S. Good luck at Compton University.



Katrina Makarounas

KATRINA,

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. CONTINUE TO GO FOR YOUR DREAMS. REMEMBER THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU NO MATTER WHAT. WE LOVE YOU AND WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR JOURNEY AHEAD.

DAD, MOM, IRENE, AFRODITE, THEO, LUCKY & GINA





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**CONGRATULATIONS,
SENIOR
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS!**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT





**Kelley
Lynn
Cooper**

KELLEY,
18 YEARS AGO, GOD
BLESSED OUR LIVES WITH A
BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL.
NOW, YOU'RE GRADUATING
HIGH SCHOOL. WE CAN'T
BELIEVE HOW THE YEARS
HAVE FLOWN BY SO FAST.
MAY YOUR FUTURE
ALWAYS BE FILLED WITH
LOVE, HAPPINESS AND
SUCCESS.

CONGRATULATIONS!
WE LOVE YOU
SO VERY MUCH.
LOVE,
MOM & DAD



**James T.
Hedrick IV**

ALWAYS BE TRUE
TO WHO YOU ARE.
CONGRATULATIONS
AND BEST WISHES
FOR A SUCCESSFUL
FUTURE.

LOVE,
MOM & DAD



Angela M. Cast

WE ARE SO PROUD
OF YOU.
GOOD LUCK
TO YOU.
YOU WILL DO
VERY WELL.

LOVE,
MOM & DAD

Good Luck,
Seniors,
from
the members
of
Students
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Through April 24, the yearbook was available for purchase via Internet or phone. The cost of the book was set at \$50.

Mrs. Valerie T. Tanke is the sales representative for Walsworth Publishing Company.

To create the book, the staff used Adobe InDesign CS2, Microsoft Word and Adobe Photoshop. The fonts in this book include Eddie on the cover, title page and divider pages; LubalinGraph for the body text and folios; Helvetica for the captions and scoreboards; KeiferBold on divider pages; Michael, Knockout, Felpoint, Kent, Jasper, DaleBold and BigFiction in Lifestyles; Design in Academics; Bria in Sports; Sleepwalker in Clubs & Activities; Keifer in Performing Arts and Shasha in Seniors.

While underclassmen and faculty portraits were taken by HR Imaging Partners Inc., Mr. John Bir from John Golas Photographers and his staff took senior portraits along with pictures for the sections including Lifestyles, Academics, Sports, Clubs & Activities, Performing Arts and the Senior Section.

The 2007 yearbook staff would like to thank, above all, Mrs. Procter for her help, guidance and patience. The staff would also like to thank Mrs. Tanke for her help throughout the process. The staff also appreciates the assistance and contributions from the Athletic Department, the secretaries of the Main Office and the Guidance Department. Appreciation is also due to Mr. Mark Ciesielski and the PNN staff for their help in advertising the yearbook. The staff thanks any other person or group that as helped in the development of this book.

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I would also like to thank everyone on the staff. The switch to trimesters was a hard obstacle to overcome in yearbook, but because of everyone's dedication, we produced the first all color yearbook ever at MHS. Some days were not as fun as others, but no matter what, everyone had one goal in mind, creating a perfect record of the year.

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With much appreciation,
Madeline Govert
2007 Editor



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1966 MHS alumnus Gregg Popovich
December 30, 2005

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

The public sector has also become a major employer of women. In 1980, women made up 40% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 50%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of women in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people with disabilities. In 1980, people with disabilities made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people with disabilities in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from ethnic minorities. In 1980, people from ethnic minorities made up 2% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 5%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from ethnic minorities in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower social classes. In 1980, people from the lower social classes made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 20%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower social classes in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower income groups. In 1980, people from the lower income groups made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 20%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower income groups in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

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The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower life expectancy. In 1980, people from the lower life expectancy made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 20%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower life expectancy in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.1 million (Office of National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased by 0.5 million.

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop services to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently, safely and comfortably; older people should be able to participate in the community; and older people should be able to access the services they need.

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